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Involved In America's Future

The National FFA Officers take pride in welcoming members, advisors and guests to the 43rd National FFA Convention. It is our hope that you will find the convention interesting, stimulating and inspiring.

As we six have traveled across the face of America, and one of us around the globe, these past 12 months, we have grown to better understand this Nation's strength and weaknesses. It is our firm conviction that Vocational Agriculture and the FFA can and should play an ever growing role in America's future. Because FFA members across this Nation share our faith in America, the 1971 National FFA theme is "INVOLVED IN AMERICA'S FUTURE." America's future is dependent upon the constructive involvement of her people. The time to build for your future and America's is **now!** We have geared every session of this convention to the efforts all FFA members are making toward building this country. Therefore, beginning with this Convention, we challenge all FFA members to redouble their efforts toward insuring a brighter and more bountiful future for these United States. Fellow FFA'ers, let every one of us become involved in America's future.

Yours for a Better America,

The 1969-70 National Officers

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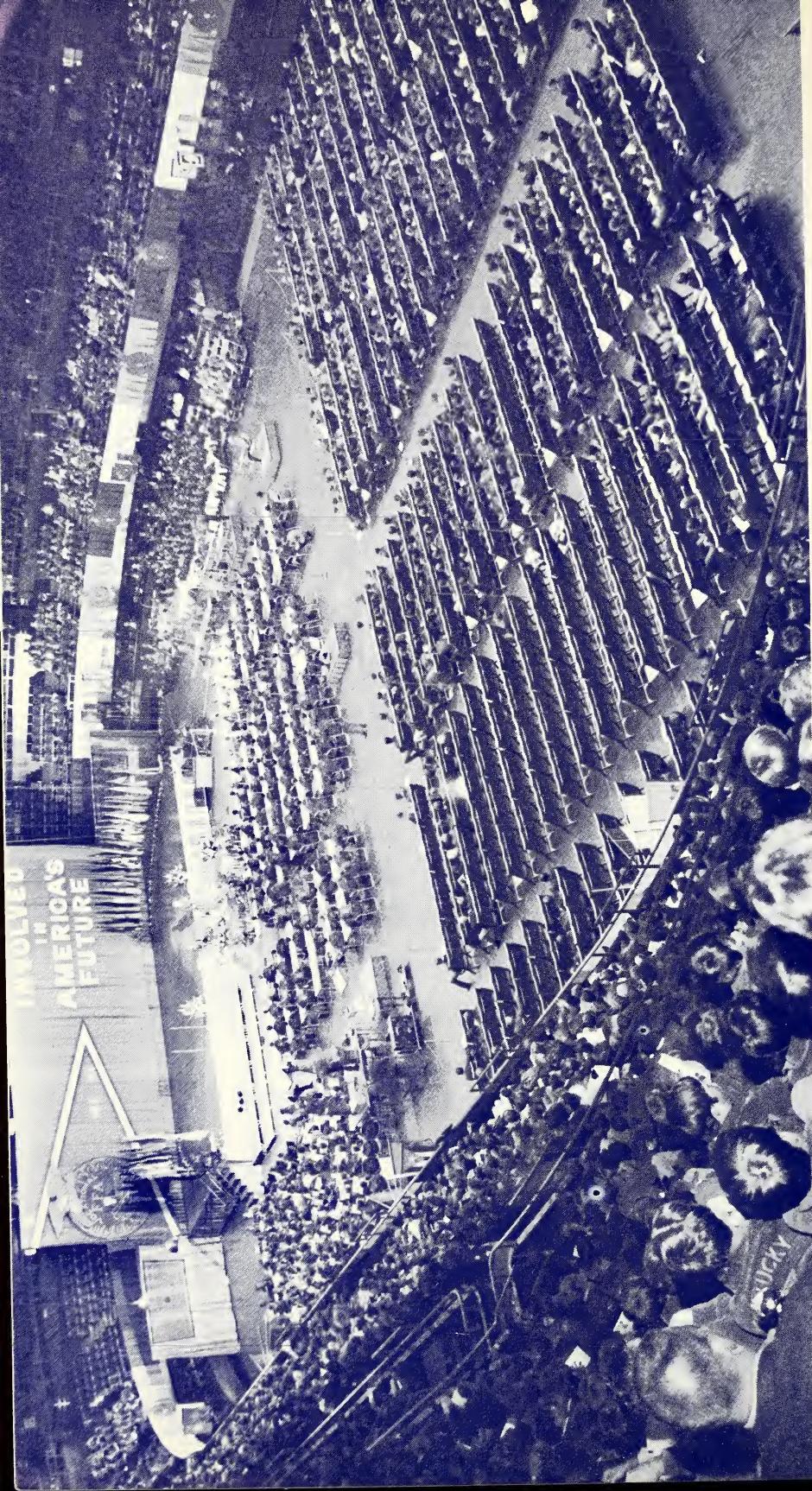


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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is the national organization of students studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools, under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. The active membership is 430,004 in 8,176 chapters.

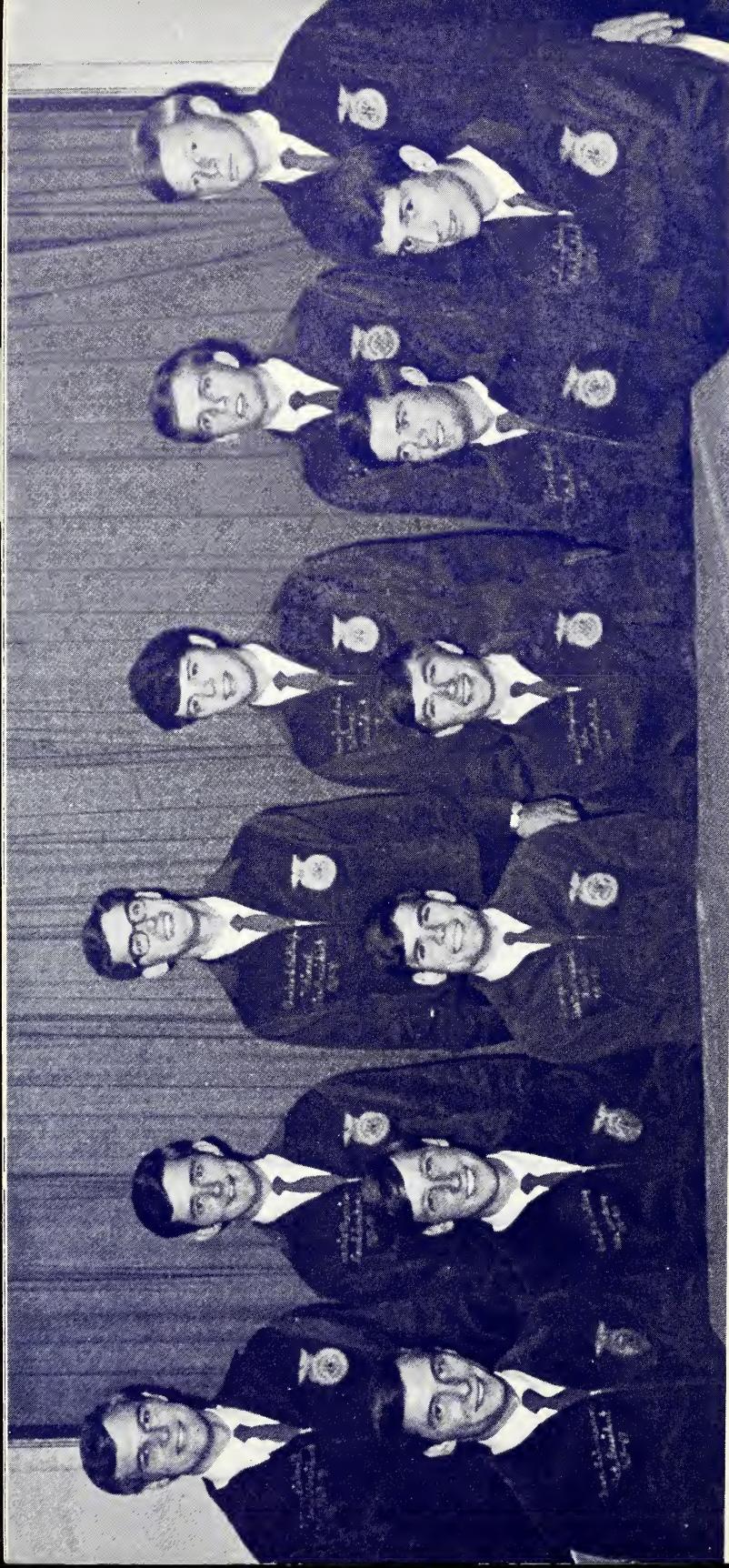
The primary aim of the FFA organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, citizenship and patriotism. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of youth in themselves and their work; more intelligent choice of agricultural occupations; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; encouraging thrift; improving scholarship; providing organized recreational activities and supplementing, by means of student-initiated and student-directed activities, the systematic instruction offered to students regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture courses.

The FFA has taken its place with other agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National headquarters of the FFA is located in the National FFA Center at Alexandria, Virginia.

The 43rd National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-16, 1970. The 14,330 who registered from fifty chartered associations for that youthful exposition of progressive leadership development, together with many representatives from foreign countries, must surely have returned home with a stronger belief in the future of agriculture.

The minutes of the convention sessions are included, along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory of the convention activities. Thanks are due many persons whose leadership and dedicated efforts made possible one of the most successful conventions in the history of the FFA.

WM. PAUL GRAY
National Executive Secretary



Standing, left to right (1969-70 National Officers)—Harry Birdwell, President; Dennis Pharris, Secretary; Charles Postles, Jr., North Atlantic Vice President; Steve Zumbach, Central Vice President; C. W. St. John, Southern Vice President; and Dave Dietz, Pacific Vice President.

Seated, left to right (1970-71 National Officers)—Dan Lehmann, President; John McCulley, Secretary; George Allen, North Atlantic Vice President; Wayne Humphreys, Central Vice President; Jim Beard, Southern Vice President; and Dan Dooley, Pacific Vice President.

Call For National Convention

(Issued July 20, 1970)

FELLOW FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

In keeping with the Constitutional responsibilities of this office, it is my privilege to issue the Call for the 43rd National FFA Convention. I am pleased to inform you that the 43rd Annual National FFA Convention will be held October 13-16, at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri. The Tuesday evening, October 13, Vespers Service will mark the beginning of the 1970 classic, and the "Firestone Show" on Friday evening, October 16, will conclude the 43rd convention.

Several changes in the program should make this year's convention even more exciting. Never has there been a more outstanding slate of speakers featured at a National FFA Convention. In addition, the efforts and achievements of Future Farmers from every sector of our Nation will be recognized and rewarded in new and dynamic ways.

Friends and supporters of the FFA will be more impressively honored; and time consuming convention ceremonies and formalities will be speeded so as to provide greater inspiration to both the participants and audience.

In transacting the business of the FFA for the coming year, all State Associations in good standing shall be represented at the convention by two official delegates, plus one additional delegate for each 10,000 members or major fraction thereof above the first 10,000, and two alternate delegates. Official delegates and National Officer candidates should be prepared to attend the delegate orientation at 9:00 a.m. on October 13. All American Farmer Degree candidates, award winners, National Officer candidates and chapter representatives need be present at the first session Wednesday morning.

As National President of FFA, I extend an invitation to every FFA chapter to be represented by six Future Farmers or 10% of its membership, whichever number is greater. This figure does not include award winners or program participants.

While preparing for your visit to Kansas City, kindly familiarize yourself with "You and Your National Convention." May I remind you that Kansas City is a tremendous host for our convention activities. Let us continue to merit their faith in and enthusiasm for our organization.

As the 1969-70 National FFA Officers look forward to seeing you in Kansas City, we anticipate a most successful and monumental convention.

Yours for FFA,

HARRY BIRDWELL
National FFA President

OFFICIAL DELEGATES

ALABAMA

BILL COFIELD, Wedowee
HERBERT BROWN, Owassa
KENNY MORROW, Viwa

ARIZONA

CLIFF SAYLOR, Glendale
LOREN HUNT, Litchfield Park

ARKANSAS

JUNIOR H. BARRINGER, Jonesboro
DON SHORES, Cave Springs

CALIFORNIA

MARVIN MUELA, Tracy
LEE PITTS, Santa Paula
MARK PARREIRA, Los Banos

COLORADO

BILL NELSON, Genoa
JIM BLACKFORD, Rocky Ford

CONNECTICUT

DAVID JACQUIER, East Canaan
ALAN MUNSON, Kensington

DELAWARE

ROBERT S. HORSEY, Laurel
KEITH CONNOLLEY, Newark

FLORIDA

DALE BOYETT, Clermont
JAMES RICHARDSON, High Springs

GEORGIA

BARRY GEORGE, Blairsville
TYSON STEPHENS, Swainsboro
LARRY WARE, Attapulgus

HAWAII

STEVE ALEXANDER, Kaneohe
LAWRENCE NAGATA, Kalaheo

IDAHO

CRAIG PASSEY, Ovid
MONTY RUPP, Meridian

ILLINOIS

ARTIE TENHOUSE, Liberty
MERCER TURNER, Heyworth
JOHN RICH, Sycamore

INDIANA

ROGER FOULKS, Wolcott
MAX RODIBAUGH, Rensselaer

IOWA

TIMOTHY J. BURKE, New Hampton
WAYNE L. FREDERICKS, Osage

KANSAS

DOUG DEETS, Arkansas City
PHIL STINEMETZ, Edmond

KENTUCKY

DALE STITH, Guston
KENNY KING, Danville

LOUISIANA

TIM PRICE, Winnfield
STEPHEN BAUM, Pollock

MAINE

THOMAS A. DEVOE, Limestone
PAUL C. DUREPO, Limestone

MARYLAND

GARY HUBLER, Washington Grove
DONALD SAVAGE, Friendsville

MASSACHUSETTS

PETER JOHNSON, Woburn
EDWIN S. HOLMES, Rowley

MICHIGAN

HENRY BEHRENWALD, Lakeview
JOHN YOUNG, Port Austin

MINNESOTA

JAMES SORLIE, Osakis
MARK SMITH, Climax

MISSISSIPPI

MIKE DARBY, Enid
CLIFF CARTWRIGHT, Booneville

MISSOURI

TIM DAUGHERTY, Chillicothe
ALLEN QUINTIN, Greentop

MONTANA

DAVID REINHARDT, Hinsdale
JIM LARSON, Ballantine

NEBRASKA

STAN WALKER, Scottsbluff
CHARLES MARTIN, Lexington

NEVADA

CORTNEY DAHL, Deeth
BILL McKNIGHT, Elko

NEW HAMPSHIRE

ALAN SMITH, Meadows
ALLAN QUIGLEY, Hudson

NEW JERSEY

LARRY FRACE, Pittstown
PATRICIA KROWICKI, Bordentown

NEW MEXICO

JIM PURCELL, San Jon
JIM GILMORE, Elida

NEW YORK

BRUCE ERATH, Grahamsville
ANITA DECKER, Winthrop

NORTH CAROLINA

LANDIS PHILLIPS, Bear Creek
LARRY ESTES, Raleigh
FRED BURT, Fuquay-Varina
HENRY HAMPTON, Mt. Ulla

NORTH DAKOTA

JACK INGSTAD, Valley City
PAUL LINDSETH, Silva

OHIO

MICHAEL PULLINS, Quincy
GENE TAPALMAN, West Alexandria

OKLAHOMA

TEDDY SHAW, Ninnekah
JAY COX, Ninnekah
MIKE MURPHY, Fairmont

OREGON

CRAIG LATHAN, McMinnville
SAM HARSIN, Baker

PENNSYLVANIA

THEODORE RHODES, New Oxford
TIMOTHY RUTH, Perkasie

PUERTO RICO

LUIS SEPULVEDA, San German
ELIU MARRERO, Jayuya

RHODE ISLAND

JOHN FOGELL, North Scituate
PAUL SKALING, Greene

SOUTH CAROLINA

LESLIE MORGAN, Easley
WILLIAM BRIGHT, Duncan

SOUTH DAKOTA

GARY L. HANSEN, Beresford
ALBERT HANSON, Millboro

TENNESSEE

MIKE FAIRLESS, Trenton
TOBY WOODMORE, Lebanon
SAM BURTON, Mt. Juliet

TEXAS

BARHAM FULMER, Nacogdoches
MURRAY EDWARDS, Clyde
JAMES HARKINS, McLean
KENNETH CURTIS, Midlothian
VIC CHOATE, San Angelo
STEVE W. DHUER, Panhandle

UTAH

SAM HILL, Kaysville
BILL HOGAN, Stockton

VERMONT

LEON BRAVES, St. Albans
BRENT SMITH, Groton

VIRGINIA

RANDY ROLLER, Weyers Cave
JIMMY R. CRADDOCK, Chatham

WASHINGTON

DAVID L. THURESON, Alder
CALVIN MARTIN, Espanola

WEST VIRGINIA

RONNIE CHILDS, Terra Alta
HARRY RILEY, Hallsburg

WISCONSIN

TERRY HESS, Glen Haven
DENNIS ULLOM, Glenwood City

DAVID A. BOWERS, Marion

WYOMING

CLAYTON B. MARLOW, Laramie
LARRY PRAGER, Douglas

THE NATIONAL FFA BAND

The National FFA Band, under the direction of Roger Heath, of Purdue University, assisted by Leo Vossler, North Dakota, and Leslie F. Crabbe, Ohio, added spirit and life to the National FFA Convention in Kansas. Following is a list of the 121 Band members, representing 43 States.

BAND MEMBERS

ALABAMA

Jerry Allen
Garry Staples

ARIZONA

Lawrence Huber

ARKANSAS

Dennis Vosburg

CALIFORNIA

Gene Brandi
Roger D. Reading

COLORADO

Ryan Waldron

DELAWARE

George A. Decker

John Webb

FLORIDA

Chuck Calendine

Charlie Latimore

Ric Roberts

GEORGIA

Claud Franklin Elliott, Jr.

Glenn Logan

Larry Joe Mitchell

Walter Sealy

IDAHO

John McCabe

Leslie Sweat

ILLINOIS

Stanley Blunier

Steve Hancher

Bruce Reaves

Nile Schumm

James Simmons

INDIANA

Rick Fuller

Wayne Jenner

William L. Jones, Jr.

Ned Allen Wicker

IOWA

Greg Behrens

Steve Blair

Gary Bortz

David Drennan

Craig Stephen Hammes

Marion L. Hendrickson

Richard Less

Rick Ogle

Donald Steffen

Orlin Sudel

David Wells

Rodney Shdenheim

KANSAS

Richard Hagemann

Rick Hossfeld

Arthur Jenkinson

Jerry McNamar

Steve Newby

KENTUCKY

Royce E. McDaniel
David Bryan Hensley

Bobby Foree

LOUISIANA

Pat Cone

Gary Hamilton

MAINE

Brian Huse Williams

MARYLAND

Timothy W. Beall

Scott Stiner

MICHIGAN

Dennis Dougherty

Charles Finkbeiner

Peter J. Forgacs

Tom Steketee

Tom Walton

MINNESOTA

Keith Koppeued

George Raasch

Steve Thal

MISSOURI

Steve Ellis

Jim Hensiek

Dennis Moss

Tom Ogle

MONTANA

Stan Matovich

Robert D. Noel

Johnnie Schara

NEBRASKA

Keith J. Bartos

Richard Cederburg

Everett Meyer

David Nippert

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Kevin McKinnon

NEW JERSEY

Larry Frace

NEW MEXICO

Buck Allen

David Floyd

NEW YORK

Donald Partridge

Bert Eddy

Robert R. Harris

Daniel Heckman

NORTH CAROLINA

Joe Hinton

NORTH DAKOTA

Orville Blumhardt

Jeff J. Jennings

Brian Thomas Jodock

Keith Klindworth

OHIO

Steve McCreary
Greg Miller
Roger Posey
David L. Roehm
Michael Wyse

OKLAHOMA

Jim Goss
Steve Leathers

OREGON

Charlie H. Chandler
Eddie Reed
Dwight Wolfe

PENNSYLVANIA

James A. Bear
G. Lamar Bollinger
R. Alan Gearhart

RHODE ISLAND

Robert Waugh

SOUTH CAROLINA

Allen Cartee
Kerry Davis
Marvin Price

SOUTH DAKOTA

Randy Harter
Glen R. Kurtz

TENNESSEE

Bruce Williams

TEXAS

Frederick Donald McClure
Walter McKellar
Marvin Reagan

UTAH

James Sanders
Randy Terry

VIRGINIA

Charles Minter
Beverley R. Roller
Bobby Youell

WASHINGTON

James Fischer
Mike Snook
Gary Spencer
Paul E. Staswick

WEST VIRGINIA

Jerry Walker

WISCONSIN

Daniel Shoemaker
Glenn Yeager

WYOMING

Dean V. Anderson
Terry Shorb



NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

The National FFA Chorus, under the direction of Marvin D. Myers, Lafayette, Indiana, assisted by Walter Paxson, Indiana, and W. T. Johnson, North Carolina, played a vital role in the Annual FFA Convention in Kansas City. Following is a list of 103 FFA chorus members representing 35 States who participated during the National FFA Convention.

CHORUS MEMBERS

ALABAMA

Jerry Lewis Bishop
James Mack Bodiford
Harry Phillips
Henry Phillips

ARKANSAS

Harold Dewey
Timmy Webb

COLORADO

Craig Dewalt

FLORIDA

James Beauford
David Little
Terry Miller

GEORGIA

Patrick A. Dekle
Felton Vernon Harris, Jr.

ILLINOIS

Randy Bellinger
Stanley Fulton
Ron Lemenager
Kent Turnbull
Robert Walton

INDIANA

Eugene Barton
Roger Cline
Carl Allen Holsapple
Allen Leising
Wendell Zetterberg

IOWA

Tim Collogan
David Merck
Bob Probst
Paul Thomsen
Terry Tilleraas

KANSAS

Dennis Deines
James Lindquist
Steven Parkey
Berni Reinert
Wade Rozean

KENTUCKY

Thomas Michael Haire
Eddie Nelson

MAINE

Brian J. Cummings
Tom Gagnon

MASSACHUSETTS

Kevin M. Stuart

MICHIGAN

Michael Haight
Jeff Milbourne

MINNESOTA

Dennis Paul
Wade Salzwedel

MISSOURI

Wayne Blades
Tim Daugherty
Randy Fortenberry
Ken Palmer
Bill Thurman

MONTANA

John Harper
Jay Linderman
Douglas M. Smith

NEBRASKA

Jim Crandall
Steve Edwards
Glen F. Hillen
Michael Zabka

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ronnie Scheu

NEW YORK

Gaeton Lajoie

Paul C. Wilson

NORTH CAROLINA

Andrew Raines

Isaiah Raines

Charles E. Williams

Charles R. Williams

NORTH DAKOTA

Dale H. Axt

Dale Emerson

Gordon Goetz

DeWayne Johnson

Rory Lee Metz

Wayne Peck

David Walsvik

John Zidon

OHIO

Bill Arthur

Glenn Cutler

Randy Douglass Gregg

Victor Hannam

Jim Keller

OKLAHOMA

Jerry Randall Earnest

Lucky Engelman

Edward Messner

OREGON

Mark Dickman

Jim Hansen

Sam Harsin

Norman Robert Hasebe

PENNSYLVANIA

William J. Cox

Harold M. Miller

J. Scott Weaver

SOUTH DAKOTA

Jamie Lee Combs

Duane Peterson

Allen Severtson

TENNESSEE

Max McElhaney

TEXAS

Stanley Wayne Narramore

UTAH

Michael Vern Jensen

Roger D. Willardson

VERMONT

Kendall Severy

VIRGINIA

Hammond Coates

Lawrence Wayne Daniel

Frank Jordan, Jr.

WASHINGTON

John Goodrich

Michael J. Klins

Lloyd V. Stallings

WEST VIRGINIA

Fred Stewart

WISCONSIN

William J. Buchmann

Dan Heike

Steven Vircks

WYOMING

Jack Hamblin

Richard J. Jacques

VEPERS SERVICE**Tuesday Evening, October 13, 1970**

The Vespers Service at the convention honored the late W. A. "Art" Ross, the first National FFA Executive Secretary. This great American, farmer, rancher, teacher, school administrator and renown vocational youth specialist, devoted most of his life toward worthy achievement for the betterment of youth, especially the FFA.

His every act revealed superb vision, a driving undaunted energy and a ream of wisdom, which together was continually molding and moving the FFA toward higher and more worthy goals. His vision and efforts guided the FFA from infancy to sturdy adulthood as a great organization designed to contribute to fulfill "What the World Needs Now," which was the theme of the Vespers Service.

The National FFA Officers, National FFA Chorus and Len Dawson, Quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs, the World Champion Football Team, presented an inspirational program centered around "The Beatitudes." Special emphasis was placed on how FFA members can become worthy contributors to society, and fulfill the challenges placed by our departed leader, Mr. Ross.



Minutes of the Convention

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1970

Morning Session

The Forty-Third National Convention of the Future Farmers of America convened in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri at nine o'clock. National President Harry Birdwell, of Fletcher, Oklahoma, presiding.

Following music by the National FFA Band, under the direction of Roger Heath, of Lafayette, Indiana, the Posting of the Colors was presented by the U. S. Air Force Color Guard of the Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base. The National Anthem was played by the National Band and sung by Fred McClure, of the Texas Association.

The invocation was presented by Jeff Hanlon, National FFA President, 1969-70, after which he was presented with a trophy in appreciation of his untiring efforts on behalf of vocational agriculture and the FFA.

Mrs. W. A. Ross was introduced and presented a plaque in memory of her husband who served the organization as first National FFA Executive Secretary.

The report of delegate credentials was called for and Secretary Pharris reported 113 delegates present from fifty chartered associations. The seating of delegates followed.

It was moved by Foulks, of Indiana, seconded by Behrenwald, of Michigan and carried that the Minutes of the 42nd National Convention be approved as they appear in the 1969 Convention Proceedings.

President Birdwell announced the appointment of the Nominating, Auditing and Program of Activities Committees. Candidates for National FFA Office were then introduced.

Following a brief welcome by President Birdwell, a special program was held on "Building Our American Communities." Brief remarks were then made by James V. Smith, Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration, after which he was presented the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

Vice President Dietz assumed the chair.

The Address of Welcome was given by the Honorable Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

Smith, of Minnesota, presented the report of the Auditing Committee. Deets, of Kansas, moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Horsey, of Delaware, and carried.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Munson, of Connecticut, moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Dahl, of Nevada, and carried.

The National FFA Chorus, under the direction of Marvin D. Myers, of West Lafayette, Indiana, presented several numbers.

President Birdwell presented a report on The State of the FFA Organization. Secretary Pharris then gave the National FFA Officers' Yearly Report. Thonney, of Washington, moved the acceptance of Secretary Pharris' report, and that the national officers be commended for a job well done; motion seconded by Cox, of Oklahoma, and carried.

President Birdwell resumed the chair.

Following music by the National Band, an address was given by Louis Strong, President of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, after which he was presented a trophy in appreciation of his participation in the convention. Shelton, of Oklahoma, moved to commend Mr. Strong for his excellent words and inspiring message; motion seconded by Purcell, of New Mexico, and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven-fifty o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1970

Afternoon Session

The Second Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at two o'clock by President Birdwell.

Vice President Zumbach assumed the chair.

Vice President Dietz presented an address entitled "How."

Frace, of New Jersey, moved to accept Vice President Dietz's speech and thanked him on behalf of the delegates for the fine work he has done this past year, both at home and abroad, because he has found his way into the hearts of many FFA'ers, not only in America, but in other countries as well; motion seconded by Murphy, of Oklahoma, and carried.

Following music by the National Chorus, National Advisor H. N. Hunsicker, presented the names of the following individuals who were considered and recommended by the Boards of National Officers and Directors to receive the Honorary American Degree and Distinguished Service Award.

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMERS

Basil C. Ashcraft, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Helena, Montana

F. S. Aumiller, Consultant, Vocational Agriculture Education, Wyoming Public Schools, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

Chester H. Becker, Sun City, Arizona (Retired from FS Services)

T. D. Brown, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Atlanta, Georgia

R. C. Butler, Professor and Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia

W. R. Carter, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Walterboro, South Carolina

Paul Chastain, State Supervisor, Project Processing and Review, Columbia, South Carolina

Raymond M. Clark, East Lansing, Michigan (Retired Professor, Michigan State University)

William Roy Crabill, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Winchester, Virginia

Robert J. Dole, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. (Kansas)

Virgil H. Dolen, Regional Vice President, Standard Oil Company, Division of American Oil Company, Kansas City, Missouri

W. T. Ellis, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, North Carolina

Eugene Fisher, Oakland, Oregon

Eugene Friedrich, Divisional Vice President, Chemicals Department, Gulf Oil Company, Kansas City, Missouri

Millard Gundlach, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Montfort, Wisconsin (President, NVATA)

Gilbert A. Hutchings, Regional Supervisor, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Fresno, California

Robert L. Kelley, Assistant Director, Agricultural Education, Frankfort, Kentucky

W. J. Kortesmaki, State FFA Executive Secretary, St. Paul, Minnesota

Alfred H. Krebs, Head, Agricultural Education, Department of Agricultural Education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia

Ernest T. Lindsey, President, Farmland Industries, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri

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Leon P. Minear, Director, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

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Marvin D. Myers, Director, National FFA Chorus, West Lafayette, Indiana

G. C. Norman, Area II Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Tallahassee, Florida

Albert A. Pease, Manager, Agribusiness Department, Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, Missouri

Robert Perry, Bethel, Missouri

John M. Pitzer, Associate Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia

Jose A. Ponce, State FFA Executive Secretary, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico

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George R. Shepherd, General Manager, American Royal Association, Kansas City, Missouri

James V. Smith, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

D. A. Sommer, President, Keystone Steel and Wire Company, Peoria, Illinois

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Robert Scharf, Amity, Oregon
Ivan H. Weaver, Strasburg, Pennsylvania
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Melvin N. Weaver, Middletown, Pennsylvania
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A. E. Rutherford, Oakdale High School, Oakdale, California
Hugh J. Ripper, Ellis Clark Reg. High School, Woodbury, Connecticut
S. J. Hill, Ringgold High School, Ringgold, Georgia
S. E. Lee, Central High School, Thomasville, Georgia
Robert L. Rohlwing, Paxton High School, Paxton, Illinois
James E. Magee, Sr., Slidell High School, Slidell, Louisiana
Peter Edgecomb, Limestone High School, Limestone, Maine
Walter E. Larson, Worthington Sr. High School, Worthington, Minnesota
John James Murray, Jackson Public High School, Jackson, Minnesota
Frank Dean Nowland, Jamesport Tri County School, Jamesport, Missouri
Elmer Schrag, North Platte High School, North Platte, Nebraska
Blum W. Campbell, North Iredell High School, Olin, North Carolina
Ralph E. Young, Holgate High School, Holgate, Ohio
L. E. Castle, Burlington High School, Burlington, Oklahoma
John A. Rankin, Loris High School, Loris, South Carolina
Herbert Lackey, Bradley High School, Cleveland, Tennessee
L. M. McIlwain, Clinton Sr. High School, Clinton, Tennessee
Robert V. Arnold, B. T. Washington High School, Marlin, Texas
Robert J. Keng, Skidmore-Tynan High School, Skidmore, Texas
Geral B. Kennedy, Sulphur Springs High School, Sulphur Springs, Texas
James T. Gardner, Rich Valley High School, Saltville, Virginia
O. Beverley Roller, Ft. Defiance High School, Ft. Defiance, Virginia
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Parreira, of California, moved that the Honorary American Farmer Degree and Distinguished Service Award be conferred upon the individuals listed; motion seconded by Daugherty, of Missouri, and carried.

Foulks, of Indiana, presented the report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Nelson, of Colorado, and carried.

Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on "Our Role in the Future of FFA."

Paul Kidd, Production Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, reported on "Future Plans for the Future Farmers Supply Service."

Johnson, of Massachusetts, presented the report of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Craddock, of Virginia. Edwards, of Texas, moved to amend this committee report by adding that The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine make a concerted effort to see that all Future Farmers receive their publication; motion seconded by Hubler, of Maryland, and carried.

Walker, of Nebraska, presented the report of the National FFA Calendar Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Riley, of West Virginia, and carried.

Latham, of Oregon, presented the report of the National Program of Activities Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Stinemetz, of Kansas, and carried.

Barringer, of Arkansas, presented the report of the Program of Activities (Local Guide) Committee, and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Morgan, of South Carolina, and carried.

Erath, of New York, presented the report of the Manual Review and Revisions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Young, of Michigan, and carried.

Deets, of Kansas, presented the report of the National FFA Leadership Program Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Cartwright, of Mississippi, and carried.

Roller, of Virginia, presented the report of the Information Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Hanson, of South Dakota, and carried.

Vice President Postles addressed the convention on "Pride . . . A Measure of America's Success." Johnson, of Florida, moved to accept Vice President Postles' address; motion seconded by Stith of Kentucky. Pitts, of California, moved to amend this motion by adding that Vice President Postles be congratulated and thanked for a year of work for the FFA Organization; motion seconded by Foulks, of Indiana, and carried.

President Birdwell presented a report on the Status of the National FFA Conference Center. He stated that the Boards recommended action on this be postponed until the need becomes evident and funds become available.

Daugherty, of Missouri, moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Krowicki, of New Jersey, and carried.

President Birdwell resumed the chair.

The following amendments to the National FFA Constitution were approved by the delegate body.

ARTICLE II, Section A

Amend, by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "More than one chapter may be chartered in a school when deemed appropriate by the State Executive Committee."

ARTICLE II, Section C

Amend, by deleting the present Section C and inserting the following new Section C.
(New) Section C—Collegiate

"Collegiate chapters may be established in two or four year institutions where agriculture courses are taught. Membership shall be opened to students enrolled in agricultural courses, or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture.

"Each collegiate chapter shall be chartered by and maintained under the authority of the respective State Association.

"All activities of the collegiate chapter of FFA shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles and ideals of the FFA organization.

"Activities for FFA collegiate chapter members shall be based upon the needs and interests of its members.

"Collegiate chapter members shall pay State and National FFA dues."

ARTICLE III, Section A, Paragraph 1

Amend, by striking out **June 15** and inserting **May 1**, and by striking out **June 1** and inserting **April 15**.

ARTICLE IV, Section B, Paragraph 2

Authorize the editing of this paragraph and all paragraphs in the Constitution and Bylaws by deleting the word "his" and rewording to appropriately refer to "members." For example: "**Members** may retain **their** active membership continuously throughout **their** entire high school career . . .".

ARTICLE IV, Section B, Paragraph 3, Line 27

Amend, by striking out **25th** and inserting **23rd**.

ARTICLE IV, Section D—"Collegiate Membership"

Amend by **deleting** present Section D and substituting the following:

Section D

"Collegiate membership may include students enrolled in agricultural courses and former active members of chartered local chapters who are enrolled in a two or four year institution having a collegiate chapter."

ARTICLE V, Section C, Paragraph 7

Amend by striking out **"\$50.00"** and inserting **"\$100.00."**

ARTICLE VI, Section A

Amend by striking out **June 15** and inserting **May 1** and by striking out **June 1** and inserting **April 15**. This paragraph to read:

" . . . computed on the basis of National dues received in the office of the National FFA Treasurer by midnight of **May 1** or shown by postmark or other reliable evidence to have been mailed to the National FFA Treasurer on or before **April 15.**"

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at five-ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1970

Evening Session

The Third Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony by President Birdwell at seven fifteen o'clock.

Following a concert by the National FFA Band, Secretary Pharris assumed the chair. An explanation of the Public Speaking Contest was given and speakers were introduced. After the introduction of judges and timekeepers and drawing for speaking order, the contest followed.

The Agricultural Career Show Exhibitors and the Kansas City Advisory Council were recognized, followed by the presentation of **Special VIP Citations** to **L. W. Davis, Elmer J. Johnson, Roderick**

Turnbull and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Venard; and Distinguished Service Citations to the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show and the National Association of Farm Broadcasters.

Art Linkeletter, radio and TV star, was introduced and gave brief greetings, after which he was presented with a trophy in appreciation for his participation in the convention.

Winners of the Public Speaking Contest were announced and awards presented.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1970

Morning Session

The special business session was called to order by President Birdwell at eight thirty o'clock.

The first item of business was a continuation of the discussion of the proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution.

Pitts, of California, moved that beginning with the 1971 National FFA Convention there be a \$3.00 registration fee for all FFA members; motion seconded by Dahl, of Nevada, and carried.

Larson, of Montana, moved that the delegate body go on record as recommending to members and States Associations the use of the National FFA Supply Service in preference to other services using the Official FFA Emblem; motion seconded by Schrag, of Kansas, and carried.

Frace, of New Jersey, moved that the delegates go on record as being very grateful for the fine performances given by the National Band and Chorus; and also to thank Mr. Heath and Mr. Myers for their outstanding work with these two wonderful groups; motion seconded by Rodibaugh, of Indiana, and carried.

The business session adjourned at nine fifteen o'clock.

The Fourth Session of the Convention was called to order with the opening ceremony by President Birdwell at nine fifteen o'clock.

Vice President St. John assumed the chair.

Fulmer, of Texas, presented the report of the National FFA Foundation—Contests and Awards Committee, and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Manke of Mississippi and carried.

Following music by the National Band and Chorus, the national officers presented Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards in the National Chapter Safety Awards Program.

Vice President Zumbach presented his retiring address "A Time For Us." Burke, of Iowa, moved to commend Vice President Zumbach on his year of service to the national organization and for the out-

standing inspiration he has given all across the nation; motion seconded by Krowicki, of New Jersey, and carried.

Representatives of vocational youth groups were introduced and extended brief greetings. Each representative was presented a small token of appreciation for their participation in the convention.

President Birdwell resumed the chair.

Dr. Leon P. Minear, Director, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, was introduced and addressed the convention.

Presentation of the FFA Foundation Agricultural Proficiency Awards was made by the national officers.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to those individuals recommended by the delegates.

Secretary Pharris presented his retiring address "The Heartbeat Stopped." Edwards, of Texas, moved to commend Secretary Pharris on his outstanding retiring address and for his year of hard work and dedication to the FFA; motion seconded by Hanson, of South Dakota and carried.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Awards in the National Chapter Awards Program were presented by the national officers.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven-fifty o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1970

Afternoon Session

The Fifth Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony by President Birdwell at two o'clock.

Honorable Robert D. Ray, Governor of Iowa, was introduced and addressed the convention.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred on those candidates recommended by the convention delegates.

Service plaques were then presented to the following outgoing members of the FFA Board of Directors and Foundation Board of Trustees: P. G. Chastain, South Carolina; Carlos H. Moore, Arizona; R. C. Butler, West Virginia; C. W. Reed, Alabama; Basil C. Ashcraft, Montana; L. W. Davis, Wisconsin; William G. Smith, New Jersey and Donald Danforth, Jr., Missouri.

Stith, of Kentucky, moved that the candidates recommended by the Boards of National Officers and Directors receive the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded by Hogan, of Utah, and carried. The ceremony followed and the degree was conferred upon the following:

ALABAMA

Ken Banks, Wetumpka
 Bobby Bearden, Plantersville
 Lynn Brothers, Boaz
 Joe Henry Carmichael, Enterprise
 David B. Carpenter, Clio
 James C. Copeland, Jr., Fairhope
 Miles B. Covin, Owassa
 Donald Drummond, Crane Hill
 Bobby Eaton, Ethelsville
 Albert Eiland, Wadley
 Andrew H. Haynie, Eclectic
 Ted John Hoffman, Fairhope
 Hoyt Hutson, Collman
 Ronnie W. Jackson, Ashford
 Eddie R. Jones, Section
 Albert Mack Lipscomb, Foley
 Danny Mathis, Dothan
 Larry Dale McDaniel, Enterprise
 Henry A. Minter, Camp Hill
 Ronnie Earl Outlaw, Hartford
 Laymon D. Phillips, Ariton
 John D. Sargent, Jr., Section
 Tommy Scott, Taft, Tennessee
 Albert Carney Sharpe, Montgomery
 Charles Rodney Styron, Foley
 Wesley Thompson, Midland City

ARIZONA

Richard Louis Anway, Marana
 Teddie Glenn Johnson, Willcox
 Rocky W. Snyder, Willcox

ARKANSAS

Henry Clay Bradford, Lepanto
 Donald L. Cawthon, Rogers
 G. L. Deason, Adona
 Danny Harold Dorman, Fayetteville
 Nick R. Finn, Greenbrier
 Dale C. Garrison, Fayetteville
 Nelton L. Henley, Mansfield
 Randy Jackson, Leachville
 Gene Dale Kincy, Lowell
 Tommy Joe Melton, Yellville
 Terry E. Milam, Huntington
 Don Mills, Lowell
 Gary R. Patton, Wooster
 Harold Woodward, Vilonia
 Terry L. Williams, Huntington

CALIFORNIA

John M. Azevedo, Patterson
 Paul J. Bankhead, Oakdale
 William Frederick Berry, Cutler
 James W. Davis, Riverdale
 Richard John Denier, Galt
 Harvey N. Fonseca, Dos Palos

Lawrence F. Godinho, Ferndale
 Michael W. Griffith, Colusa
 Russell F. Hurley, Lindsay
 Ned Eugene Jorgensen, Chowchilla
 Marvin Muela, Tracy
 David Roy Reiswig, Turlock
 Kenneth Wayne Rowley, Visalia
 Darrell Cordova Ruiz, Raymond
 Tony Turkovich, Winters
 James Douglas Zaiger, McHenry Village

COLORADO

Roger D. Blake, Bennett
 Richard Lynn Lewton, Otis
 Randy Reed, Burlington
 John G. Reid, Ordway

CONNECTICUT

Alan Donald Munson, Kensington
 David W. Jacquier, Norfolk

DELAWARE

Charles Fred Stites, Jr., Dover

FLORIDA

Ellis A. Adams, Plant City
 Philip Audell Bristow, Hawthorne
 Michael Lee Carter, Laurel Hill
 Donald Jesse Elliott, Lorida
 Robert Irvin Hargrave, Gainesville
 Victor Wade Howell, Jasper
 Thomas Dewey Jones, Trenton
 Van Gale Long, Glen St. Mary
 William Houston Lovett, Jr.,
 Fort Meade
 Robert Wade Murphy, Jennings
 Larry M. Rose, Apopka
 Roy Glenn Ward, Atmore, Alabama
 Jerry L. Williamson, Jacksonville

GEORGIA

Jimmy Alday, Donalsonville
 Craig Barnette, Sycamore
 Charles Travis Burke, Iron City
 Dewey Brock, Jr., Bainbridge
 James Carlton Cowart, Garfield
 Kenneth Dollar, Bainbridge
 Kenneth David Dunn, Omega
 Ray Malone Durham, Ashburn
 Sidney Durham, Ashburn
 Larry Cecil Glass, Winder
 Bobby Irvin Godwin, Whigham
 William Jackson Hutchins, Winder
 Donald Milton Jones, Omega
 Chester Larry Kendrick, Sycamore
 Marvin Eugene Knox, Hartsfield
 Jonathan R. Powell, Fitzgerald
 Roger Dorsey Spooner, Iron City

Malcolm Randall Stubbs, Pitts
 Danny Thompson, Tifton
 Dallas Everett Waddell, Iron City
 Albert C. Wildes, Hazlehurst
 Larry Gordon Willingham, Sycamore

IDAHO

James O. Barnes, Emmett
 Armand M. Eckert, Buhl
 Ronald Cyp Gentillon, Pingree
 Michael Robert Holloway, Twin Falls

ILLINOIS

Thomas G. Adcock, Jr., Morrisonville
 Collin Lavern Cain, Jonesboro
 Kim Myers Curry, Griggsville
 Theodore Walter Flath, Edwardsville
 Jack Hastings, Louisville
 Henry Paul Hoene, Effingham
 Richard D. Hunter, Moweaqua
 Kenneth W. Jorstad, Morris
 Jesse Harold Keyser, II, Lawrenceville
 Lee E. Mader, Mt. Carroll
 Ronald C. Mann, Du Quoin
 Lee James Plummer, Jerseyville
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 James Robert Setterstrom, Orangeville
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 Dennis Van Daele, Taylor Ridge
 David H. Wilson, Franklin

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 Mark W. Cline, Union City
 Gary J. Egolf, Churubusco
 Frank Jewell, New Richmond
 Merrill Kelsay, Whiteland
 Jack R. Long, Clay City
 Noah Lynn Lykins, E-Town
 Leslie D. Pruitt, Martinsville
 Carl A. Schmitz, Wadesville
 Michael Storer, St. Joe
 Lonn Michael Stuckwisch, Vallonia

IOWA

Wayne I. Dolecheck, Kellerton
 Kenneth Paul Greiner, Fairfield
 Wayne L. Humphrey, Crawfordsville
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 Keith H. Kleis, Baldwin
 Dwight D. Larson, Story City
 Dale Robert Martinson, Williamsburg
 Philip J. Montag, Dows
 Wayne Eugene Robinson, Mechanicsville
 Jeffrey J. Swinbank, Jesup

Michael Alan Welte, Kalona
 Myron L. Zumbach, Coggon

KANSAS

John Wayne Bastin, Selden
 William M. Blanton, Robinson
 A. James Hess, Jr., Burlington
 Lauren Dean Libby, Smith Center
 Lester C. Priest, Winfield
 Gary Allen Ritter, Norcatur
 Myron D. Schmidt, Newton

KENTUCKY

Clarence A. Abney, Paris
 Joe Neal Ballance, Woodburn
 Terry Eugene Bay, Brooksville
 Michael Kenneth Branstetter, Edmonton
 William Hall Gillum, Guthrie
 Brent Gray, Cadiz
 William D. Jepson, Franklin
 Roger Dale Joyce, Princeton
 Harold Lloyd, Cox's Creek
 Larry L. Payne, Franklin
 Robert Alan Pelly, Smiths Grove
 William Earl Ransdell, Salvisa
 Dan Marvin Smeathers, Owensboro
 Donnie Toadvine, Paris
 Marvin Lee Wilson, Grand Rivers

LOUISIANA

Robert Michael Andrus, Scott
 John Van Bennett, Spearsville
 Joe Marion Brimer, Chestnut
 Glenn C. Fisher, Franklinton
 Camile Patrick Gaspard, Hessmer
 Marshall Vernon Hough, Jr., Saline
 Ronald E. Jones, Franklinton
 Ronald James Juneau, Evergreen
 Albert Dewaine Little, Winnfield
 John H. Pinckard, Bienville
 Richard Glynn Westmoreland, Franklin-ton

MAINE

Thomas A. Devoe, Limestone

MARYLAND

Wayne E. Lepo, Uniontown
 George A. Nicholson, Jr., Detour
 Donald Wayne Skinner, Centreville

MASSACHUSETTS

Dale Marshall King, Millbury

MICHIGAN

Howard Bailey, Adrian
 Leonard A. Breasbois, Merrill
 Ezra Earl Dunn, Battle Creek

MICHIGAN (cont'd)

Keith J. Ferris, Ionia
 Robert John Fleischmann, Munger
 Kenneth Lewis Gasper, Belding
 Myron T. Kokx, Jr., Fremont
 Arnold F. Krumnauer, Jr., Reese
 Jim May, Sparta
 William Palm, Reese
 William M. White, Cassopolis

MINNESOTA

Ronald Alberts, Taopi
 Carl Bank, Red Wing
 Paul Joseph Bauer, Faribault
 Dennis R. Carpenter, Cambridge
 Darrell R. Greenhoff, Pipestone
 Scott Lee Johnson, Willmar
 David H. Kitchell, Ada
 Greg Merkel, Fairfax
 Michael Moorse, Minneota
 Duane Gerald Olson, Fosston
 Donn H. Peterson, Canby
 Jerry Rasmussen, Hope
 Dennis Schrapp, Mayer
 James Kenneth Todahl, Fertile

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 Kenneth Lee Mesaros, Great Falls
 Thomas Daniel Tietz, Froid

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 Donald E. Gilliland, Wood River
 J. Scott Harris, Shelton
 Philip H. Johnson, Mead
 Royce Stout, Bassett

NEVADA

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 Steve Venturacci, Fallon

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 Fidel Montoya, Moriarty
 Mike West, Fort Sumner

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 Ronald C. Dechow, Little Valley
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 Lyman C. Hill, Medina
 Barry L. Lathrop, Sherburne
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 Jesse Leon Lewis, Pikeville
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 Mike Preston Medlin, Clinton
 George H. Montague, Zebulon
 Ronald W. Parks, Seven Springs
 William Ernest Reams, Apex
 Michael D. Redmond, Union Grove
 Robert Lewis Ritchie, China Grove
 Bennie Silliman, China Grove
 David Michael Sloan, China Grove
 Donald Chris Thompson, Mt. Olive
 Malcolm Scott Whitford, Grantsboro

Jeff D. Wilkins, Burlington
 James C. Wilkinson, Jr., Prospect Hill
 Charles Franklin Williams, Fayetteville

NORTH DAKOTA

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 Ronald Jerome Lewis, Williston
 Anthony O. Lindseth, Silva
 Mark R. Ratzlaff, Langdon

OHIO

David E. Acker, Wooster
 Mark Hamilton Beam, Sabina
 Jim Bratton, Jr., Sardinia
 Charles E. Buck, West Liberty
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 Mike Hopper, Adams
 John Holt McCulley, Malin
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 Billy Rouse, Fork
 Stanley Shumpert, Leesville
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 Benny Milton Stack, Summerville

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 Dewayne L. Siebrasse, Gettysburg
 David VanOverschelde, Letcher

TENNESSEE

John Lawson Broyles, Jr., Limestone
 Joe Douglas Fetzer, Benton
 Sam P. Hale, Russellville
 David Harr, Bluff City
 Don Edward Hatcher, Benton
 John Earle Hewitt, Jr., Lynnville
 William D. McQuary, Jr., Mt. Juliet
 Edwin Glenn Robertson, Harrogate
 Jerry Lynn Sawyers, Gleason
 Alan Lester Shirley, Obion
 James A. Spone, Morristown
 Richard Allen Squibb, Limestone
 Robert Franklin Stockdale, Camden
 Dewey Stroud, New Market
 Roger D. Taylor, Riddleton
 Ted F. Thomas, Bristol
 William A. Winningham, Crossville
 Ronald Thomas Yeargin, Greenfield

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James Michael Barber, Gilmer
 Gary C. Bishop, Hearne
 W. H. Blackburn, III, Abilene
 Jimmy Duke Boggus, Converse
 Ken R. Burger, Pampa
 James Elmer Casey, Jr., North Zulch
 Mac Devin, Tulia
 Mark Doehrman, Meyersville

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Ralph Wayne Donaho, Sutherland Springs
 Jimmy Michael Doyle, Wolfe City
 Anthony A. Drymalla, Wallis
 Frank R. Duke, Jr., Liberty
 Dennis Engelke, Kingsbury
 Ralph E. Frost, Happy
 Kerry A. Hansen, Lorena
 Gary James Henk, New Braunfels
 Monty G. Henson, Brownfield
 Barney Homeyer, Caldwell
 John W. Jensen, Avoca
 Wayne Kahlich, Slaton
 Jack H. Kay, Buda
 Joe Anton Klinkovsky, III, West Columbia
 Wayne Edward Koenning, Shiner
 Joe Kohler, Harrold
 Victor Krueger, Hamilton
 Gil Lain, Hamlin
 Lester Little, Hallettsville
 Bill Lohse, Skidmore
 Ernest S. Love, Cleveland
 Fred Wayne Lubke, Grandview
 Scotty Mays, Frisco
 Terry McCain, Grapevine
 Jimmy McDonald, Mathis
 Lynn Melton, Duncanville
 Troy O. Moore, Mt. Pleasant
 Joe Parker, Jr., Byers
 Henry Wayne Patterson, Cleveland
 Stanley Rakowitz, Pleasanton
 Wendell Earl Schronk, Hillsboro
 Harold Joe Schwartz, Ropesville
 Tommy Ray Snook, Livingston
 Ricky Standridge, Skidmore
 Ronny Stewart, Brashear
 Alvin Sutton, Jr., Nolanville
 Dale Taylor, Blum
 Lee A. Tigert, Omaha
 Gary Wendel, Louise
 Mike Whiteman, Tyler
 Freddie Williams, Montague
 Bobby Yates, Cameron

UTAH

Larry G. Banks, Spanish Fork
 John K. Bushman, South Lehi
 Thomas Richard Stephenson, Holden
 Eldon James White, Ogden

VERMONT

Larry Charles Martin, Bradford
 Robert Cook Young, West Glover

VIRGINIA

Milton Earl Childress, Jr., Rockville
 Wallace D. Clark, Ringgold
 Hammond Coates, Gladys
 Donald W. Dallas, Dry Fork
 Larry E. Edwards, Gallax
 Danny C. Frye, Wytheville
 Gary Lee Hess, Harrisonburg
 Wilton Michael Hilt, Abingdon
 Thomas Milton Lohr, Broadway
 Richard Dean Orrock, Woodford
 Kenneth Lewis Pitman, Kilmarnock
 Hix Y. Pugh, Sugar Grove
 David R. Shiflett, Grottoes
 James R. Tate, Jr., Ruther Glen
 Joseph Yoder, Gladys

WASHINGTON

C. Duane Depping, Walla Walla
 Blake I. Griffith, Randle
 Brad W. Kent, Othello
 Thomas Emanuel Layton, Toledo
 Douglas Reinbold, Davenport
 Forrest Dae Riley, Rosalia
 Chris D. Starzman, Moses Lake

WEST VIRGINIA

Thomas Larry Bailey, Jane Lew
 William Inskeep, Medley
 Jerry Darrell Stover, Ashton
 Bruce E. Teets, Eglon
 Dale Blaine Welling, Given

WISCONSIN

David A. Bollman, Rice Lake
 Jack Hensel Bremer, Markesan
 Robert Gasior, Sheldon
 Loren L. Gebhard, Boscobel
 Robert B. Grabarski, Grand Marsh
 Justin B. Hall, Jr., La Crosse
 Douglas George Hurlburt, Durand
 Jerry William Johnston, Clinton
 Dale Kreuziger, Juneau
 Larry Ludeman, Waterloo
 Randy L. Nigh, Viroqua
 Gary Olerud, Westby
 Gale Tigert, Oshkosh
 James M. Zanton, Avalon
 Thomas H. Zastoupil, Tomah
 Ivan Zettle, Monroe

WYOMING

Kelly J. Burch, Gillette
 Jeff Lundberg, Albin
 Greg R. Rutar, Torrington

Following organ music by Steve Hofing, of Illinois, the four Regional Star Agribusinessmen of America were honored in an impressive ceremony using colored slides. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the Star Agribusinessmen and special citations presented to their mothers. Mr. Burton Beck, President of Eli Lilly and Co., who served as Chairman of the panel of judges to select the Star Agribusinessman of America, was introduced and announced the 1970 Star Agribusiness of America.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at four-forty o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1970

Evening Session

(Prior to the opening session, the FFA Talent Show, directed by Don Erickson, State FFA Advisor from Bismarck, North Dakota, was held.)

The Sixth Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony by President Birdwell at seven-fifty o'clock.

Following the grand entry and music by the National FFA Band, the film, "The Inheritors" presented by the Ford Motor Co. Fund, was shown.

The FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee Past Chairmen, members of the Executive Council, Regional Chairmen, the Executive Director and the 25-year Sponsors and 15-year Sponsors were called to the platform and introduced. Recognition was given to all sponsors to the Foundation, who were seated in the delegate section with the Official Delegates, 8 "Stars" and national officer candidates, after which special plaques were presented to the 15-year and 25-year Sponsors.

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Mr. George L. Varnes, Group Vice President of Domestic Subsidiaries, Eli Lilly and Company, and Vice Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee, was introduced and the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him by President Birdwell.

Samuel W. White, Jr., Vice President, Borg-Warner Corporation, and 1970 Chairman of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, was introduced and presented a special plaque in appreciation for his services. After a brief address, the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him.

Fred Stines, Publisher, Successful Farming Magazine, was introduced and gave a brief greeting. Mr. Stines will serve as 1971 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

Following the Massing of State Flags by the Star State Farmers, the Regional Star American Farmers were presented. A fifteen-minute program was presented depicting the outstanding accomplishments of each Regional Star Farmer using color slides. This was followed by the presentation of the Regional Star American Farmer Awards and the naming of the Star Farmer of America. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the Star Farmers and special citations presented to their mothers.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at ten-fifteen o'clock.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1970

Morning Session

The Seventh Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at nine o'clock by President Birdwell.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, gave an explanation of the 1971-72 National FFA Budget. Smith, of Vermont, moved to accept Mr. Campbell's report; motion seconded by Burt, of North Carolina, and carried.

Rodibaugh of Indiana moved that the National FFA Dues remain at \$1.00 per member; motion seconded by Behrenwald, of Michigan, and carried.

Vice President Postles assumed the chair.

Vice President St. John presented his retiring address "Ours Is To Lead." Shores, of Arkansas, moved that the delegation accept Vice President St. John's address and to offer congratulations for his sincere attitude and outstanding service to the national organization; motion seconded by Saylor, of Arizona, and carried.

John Lacey, Program Officer, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, Denver, Colorado, and General Superintendent of the Judging Contests, announced the top judging winners in Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Meats and Dairy Production.

Vice President Dietz reported on his trip and visit with the Future Farmers of Vietnam. Chapters from Minnesota and Texas were then recognized for the assistance they gave to Vice President Dietz in connection with his visit to Vietnam.

A number of international guests in attendance were introduced and Honorary Membership in the FFA conferred on them. FFA members who participated in the FFA Work Experience Abroad Tours were introduced and presented plaques. Stan Bucher, of Pennsylvania, then

gave brief remarks on behalf of the Work Experience students. A response on behalf of all international guests was then given by Mr. R. F. Gregor, Secretary of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs.

President Birdwell resumed the chair.

Fess Parker, star of movies and television, was introduced and gave brief remarks, after which he was presented with a trophy in appreciation for his participation in the convention.

The Honorable Ed Jones, U. S. Congressman from Tennessee, was introduced and addressed the convention. Congressman Jones was then presented with the Special Leadership Plaque, which is given only to past members of the FFA who have distinguished themselves in a notable fashion.

Vice President Postles assumed the chair.

A delegation from Colombia, representing the FFC, was introduced and presented a special Gold Plate to the FFA in appreciation of the youth of their country for assistance in the forming of the FFC.

President Birdwell resumed the chair.

Larry Storch, television star, was introduced and made brief remarks.

Vice President Postles assumed the chair.

Pitts, of California, presented the report of the Committee on the International Program of Activities and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Foulks, of Indiana, and carried.

Secretary Pharris announced that the convention registration that morning had reached an all-time record of 14,556.

President Birdwell resumed the chair.

Marlow, of Wyoming, presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which was approved by the delegate body. Tenhouse, of Illinois, moved that the slate of candidates submitted by the Committee be elected by acclamation of the delegate body; motion seconded by Passy, of Idaho, and carried.

Candidates for the American Royal Queen were introduced and each given an opportunity to make brief remarks. Miss Karen Kemp, of Maryland, was chosen Queen of the American Royal, and an impressive coronation ceremony followed, in which State Presidents participated.

Tapalman, of Ohio, moved that the delegate body resolve that it be permissible for States and chapters to have the prerogative to use "Farmer" or "FFA" for chapter, State, and honorary degrees; for example, this would enable a State to confer a State Farmer Degree or State FFA Degree; motion seconded by Smith, of Michigan. Motion failed.

Purcell, of New Mexico, moved to rescind the amendment of Article V, Section C, paragraph 7, which strikes out "\$50.00" and inserts "\$100.00"; motion seconded by Ingstad of North Dakota. Motion failed.

Daugherty, of Missouri, moved that the delegate body go on record as favoring the correct use of the Future Farmer jacket and encourage all FFA members to adhere to that code of use; motion seconded by Brown, of Alabama, and carried.

Roller, of Virginia, moved to refer to the Board of Directors for possible further action at the 1971 convention, that Article III, Section B, of the Bylaws to the National Constitution be changed by deleting the present Section B and inserting the following new Section B: "That the National Board of Directors be instructed to redistrict the states in order to obtain more equal distribution of members among the four regions, and that this report be given at the 1971 national convention." The motion was seconded by Nelson, of Colorado, and carried.

Burt, of North Carolina, moved that the meeting be adjourned; motion seconded by Cox, of Oklahoma, and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at twelve noon.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1970

Evening Session

The final session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at seven-fifteen o'clock by President Birdwell.

Mr. Don Erickson, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in North Dakota, and Director of the FFA Talent for the convention was introduced. Gold, Silver and Bronze emblem awards were presented to talent that participated in the national convention.

Hubler, of Maryland, presented the report of the Convention Program Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Burt, of North Carolina, and carried.

Shaw, of Oklahoma, presented the report of the Convention Resolutions Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Cartwright, of Mississippi, and carried.

Burke, of Iowa, presented the report of the Convention Proceedings Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Shaw, of Kansas, and carried.

Vice President Postles assumed the chair.

President Birdwell presented his retiring address "Signs of the Times." Foulks, of Indiana, moved to accept President Birdwell's address and that he be commended for a job well done; motion seconded by Cox, of Oklahoma, and carried.

President Birdwell resumed the chair.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the national officers and special certificates presented to their mothers. Special plaques were presented to the officers' local advisors.

The newly elected officers were installed in a very impressive and colorful ceremony. National officer pins and leadership plaques were presented to each of the past officers. Dan Lehmann, newly elected president, presented Harry Birdwell with the gavel he used to open the convention. The new president extended greetings.

The final session of the convention adjourned sine die at nine-ten o'clock with the closing ceremony by the new officers.

Following the closing ceremony, special entertainment was furnished by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

National Officer Addresses

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

HARRY BIRDWELL, National FFA President

Before each session of this National FFA Convention, the National Officers have met in a quiet little room immediately behind this stage for a few moments of final preparation and meditation. As part of each

pre-session meeting we have all joined in a circle and asked God to guide us in the approaching session of the convention. Throughout our year as National Officers, God has been with us; on jetliners as we have traveled throughout America and one of us around the world, behind microphones, and as we have worked with thousands of FFA members and friends of FFA. It is fitting then that I should use a Biblical passage as the basis of my final address as an active FFA member.



In the 16th chapter of Matthew a group of Jewish men asked Jesus to teach them about the times in which they lived. He answered, "Can you not understand the signs of the times?" In other words, "Don't you understand what today is all about?" Maybe we should ask ourselves that same question: How well do we understand the signs of **our** times?

The Best of Times: The Worst of Times

Where are we going as a nation? Recently I found an excellent description of 20th century America while leafing through Charles Dickens' great novel **A Tale of Two Cities**. Its opening paragraph, though intended as a description of nineteenth century England, precisely describes America in 1970:

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. It was the epoch of belief; it was the epoch of incredulity. It was the season of light; it was the season of darkness. It was the spring of hope; it was the winter of despair. We had everything before us; we had nothing before us."

On the one hand our knowledge and technological achievements seem to say that these are the best of times. On the other hand our problems say that the world has never been in a sorrier state of affairs.

Yes, there are many things around us which indicate that these are the best of times. I stood in awe and watched Apollo 13 lift off

from Cape Kennedy. In a few days that same spacecraft developed serious problems 200,000 miles in space. Fortunately the crew, because of superb training and technical knowledge, safely recovered that crippled craft . . . The National FFA Officers have flown on jet planes all year long to fly across the face of America at 600 miles per hour . . . Dennis and I appeared on the NBC **Today** show in New York, and were seen simultaneously all over America by 27 million people . . . Think about those new shining "wheels" in your driveway that can cruise at 70 miles per hour; many of you recall the time when you gulped down a medically treated sugar cube that caused your body to build an immunity to a once dreaded disease. Our brilliance as a nation and as a people seemingly tell us that these are the best times in history.

Despite our progress, we are not freed from the **human** problems that are as old as man's existence. Though we have learned to control so much knowledge and uncover so many mysteries, we have not learned to control ourselves. America is plagued by greed, immorality, racial disorder, war and discontent—the same problems that have destroyed great nations throughout history.

In several large cities the National Officers saw many people who have ruined their lives with drugs—who wandered aimlessly about with nowhere to go and nothing to do . . . In fact we were in New York last February when a 12 year old boy testified that he had been using dope for three years, and was selling drugs in grade schools for over \$500 a week. I watched the remains of the Bank of America in Santa Barbara, California smolder after students had burned it . . . The National Officers, out of our own curiosity, walked in the midst of a demonstration at the trial of the Chicago 7. Lots of those protestors had completely given up on the American way of life . . . Steve and I attended a reception for a United States Senator in Washington where one of the guests was shot by a half crazed maniac who happened along . . . C.W. and I watched 1,000 young people pelt police with rocks and bottles at the **Honor America Day** on July 4th in Washington.

In addition to the aforementioned situations we must now also face the new problems created by our mechanization and technical brilliance. Have you ever looked down from an airplane into the heart of one of our nation's cities and seen the smoke and the smog? Have you ever walked beside a once clear but now polluted river or stream? Ecologists tell us that if we continue to destroy our environment at the present rate, then the earth will be fitted for human life for only 30 more years. Our problems seemingly say to us that these are the worst of times.

There Is Provision for Change

You have heard from new revolutionary groups that America must be torn down and rebuilt if we are to solve our problems. Have our problems become too big for America? Must polluted air and water, campus disorders, dirt, hate, drugs, and racial tension be the lot of so great a nation? Is it impossible to reverse our problems? Can we not change America without destruction? Are there no provisions for change left in America?

Think for just a minute about the beginning of the American "system." Turn back the pages of history with me to a meeting almost 200 years ago. A group of colonial leaders met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to discuss the future of their fledgling nation and to draft its constitution. For many days little progress was made. One hot day in July when tempers began to flare, a wise, grey-haired gentleman, Benjamin Franklin, stood and said, "There will have to be a lot more give and take here." As the Convention proceeded some monumental compromises were made. Soon the great Constitution of the United States was drafted and signed by the delegates.

Upon signing the Constitution, Benjamin Franklin turned his eyes to the chair in which Chairman George Washington sat during the Constitutional Convention. On the back of the chair was carved a half sun. (That sun looked much like the sun which has been used to designate my station during this convention—the ball of the sun seemingly was half above and half below the horizon.) Franklin said, "I have often wondered whether that sun was a rising sun or a setting sun, but I have concluded that it is a rising sun!" Benjamin Franklin and every other delegate to the Constitutional Convention left Philadelphia with the assurance that they had created a flexible system which could be changed and amended as the needs of the growing nation demanded. Indeed it was a rising sun! From that Constitutional Convention came the principles which have guided America for nearly 200 years.

Just after I was elected National President, I had the opportunity to visit that old, stately Independence Hall in Philadelphia. As I walked into that chamber where our Constitution was born, I remembered the story of the sun on Washington's chair. I asked myself as I silently bowed my head, "Have we forgotten that things can be changed without destroying America?" And I wondered almost aloud, "Is that sun which began to rise so many years ago still rising; or is that sun setting below the horizon in America?"

Tomorrow Will Be Better

Stretch your imagination just as far as you can . . . What will America be like in 10 years, in 20 years? Will she be greater? Or

will our problems overcome us? Before you leave this Municipal Auditorium tonight, I hope that every one of you will be aware of the challenge ahead of us. What is the answer that we are seeking to our problems? The answer is you! The answer is me! The answer is to be found in the lives of concerned Americans everywhere! When America is united, there is no greater force. You and I must be a part of that great force helping to unite America into a greater nation, and tomorrow we must be prepared to feed and lead America.

Sir Winston Churchill often watched from his back yard as the Nazi bombers hammered and battered London during World War II. Even when things seemed bleak, when England seemed hopelessly beaten; Churchill would lean on his cane, grip a cigar between his teeth and repeat over and over again, "Tomorrow will be better. The day will come when we will win. The final victory will be ours!"

Though there are some who say that America is dying, I say we must fulfill our obligation to continue to fight to strengthen America. Though there are those who say that America has no hope, I say there is hope for those who want it badly enough. Though there are those who have said that the American dream will never be a reality; I say we have not failed to reach that dream until we have quit trying.

I believe we are here for three reasons tonight. We are here to say that we believe in agriculture; we are here to say that we believe in America; and we are here to say that we believe in tomorrow. Though at times it seems that everything we believe in is being bombarded; fellows, we must not lose faith. Our day will come. Tomorrow will be better. The final victory will be ours!

Never Give In

On another occasion in Churchill's life, he was invited to address the boys school at Harrow, the school that he had attended as a youngster. The headmaster told his students that Churchill was coming and that he would deliver an immortal message.

The day came and Churchill arrived. He pulled his glasses down over his nose and looked over the students. They were bright looking little fellows, but Sir Winston knew that their lives would be filled with hard knocks, disappointments, and troubles. In his speech he emphasized, "Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never!" Ten words, but they contained a world of determination, and Churchill was living proof of the wisdom behind a "never say die" attitude.

I challenge all of you to survey the world around you—understand the signs of the times—determine the changes that must be made in America, and then let us proceed united to help "right the wrongs" in our nation. There will be some who will seek to discredit all that we believe to be truth. There will be those who will attempt to destroy all that we are building. But let us chart our course, let us follow our

vision, let us reach toward our personal limitations for service to our families, to our communities, to America, and to God. Let us pursue the American dream of life and liberty for every American. Regardless of the obstacles, NEVER GIVE IN, NEVER GIVE IN, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER!

My prayer for America is the same prayer that was put into musical form by its author, Irving Berlin:

God, bless America, land that I love
 Stand beside her and guide her
 Thru the night with a light from above
 From the mountains to the prairies,
 To the oceans, white with foam
 God, Bless America,
 My home sweet home.

THE HEARTBEAT STOPPED

DENNIS PHARRIS, National FFA Secretary

(Prelude to the address as Dennis is walking up on stage, there will be a sound of a heartbeat "thumping.")

The long life of a great individual just ended. The heartbeat stopped! Many may say it was the beat of the industrial wheels, the urban centers, the affluent society, the computer jungles, the war guns of Vietnam and the Middle East, the demonstration and protest movements—the heartbeat of the "establishment." Is that really the heartbeat that was snuffed out? No, it was the heartbeat of you and me. The heartbeat of a person who had enthusiasm, drive, individuality, optimism, hope and a prayer. We have become so concerned with the heartbeat of America that we have somehow forgot who America really is. America is you and me.



As we rise in the morning the question is posed in many ways from the newspaper, the radio, and television, how is the heartbeat of America today? Is it stronger or weaker? The farmer goes out to feed his livestock in the morning and he finds a number of them are

dead. He's concerned over how many are dead; but moreover, what caused their death and how can he correct the problem so that more will not die. If America is going downhill, we should not be concerned of how far down the hill she is; but moreover what caused the slant downward and how can we correct the problem? Yes, the heartbeat we should be concerned with is our own. Therefore, is your heartbeat

stronger or weaker? What kind of a person were you yesterday and are you a better person today? Did you extend a helping hand to others and show a love for your fellow man? When you were asked to lead, did you stand aside and let someone else do it or did you move ahead and say, "Yes, I'll do it." It is easy to be a common member of the crowd, but it takes effort to lead the crowd. Ask yourself, "Was God proud or ashamed of me today?" If your heartbeat had stopped today would you be satisfied with the life you had lived?

The real heartbeat of America does not lie in the wheels of industry, the hustle and bustle of the urban centers, or in the fields of Vietnam, but in the lives of you and me. The way we live our own lives effects the lives of others.

The national officers have had the opportunity to make a contribution in a very small way into the lives of others this year. I have noted that FFA is truly the big difference. As a unified organization, the FFA has tremendous impact on the lives of many young people outside the organization. The problems of youth unrest can be corrected, but they must be corrected within. Youth involvement in FFA and other youth organizations can be the solution.

As an individual, we must choose the path we shall travel. John Oxenham described our choice in the poem "The Ways."

To every man there openeth
A choice of ways to go;
And the high soul takes the high road
And the low soul takes the low,
And in between on misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro;
But to everyone there openeth
A high way and a low,
And everyone decideth
The way his soul shall go.

The quest now is not to strengthen the heartbeat of America, but the heartbeat of the people who make the country what it is today. With this disease cured we can say, "If there is a problem in our country, we can find the solution instead of proclaiming the problem." If we want a peaceful land, we can work toward it. If we want a cleaner and purer America we can be the promoters. If there is a communications gap, then we can help bridge the gap. If we want a better America, we can be better leaders and others will follow. Yes, with our enthusiasm, drive, individuality, optimism, hope, and with the help of God we can do it!

We must make every beat count because the next one might be our last. A few weeks ago, I sat in the Dallas airport waiting to board a plane when a young man was rolled into the waiting area in his wheel chair. I introduced myself and learned that he was Randy Sawyer, from Memphis, Tennessee. In talking with him, Randy told me

that one of his legs had to be amputated in a Houston Hospital because of an incurable cancer. As I continued to visit with Randy, while waiting for the plane, occasional tears would roll down his cheeks, but when his plane was announced ready for boarding, the young man wiped away the tears. Before boarding, Randy remarked, "Our visit has meant a great deal to me and the rest of my life, thanks and good luck." That took great courage, for you see Randy was headed home to spend his last thirty days and live those final heartbeats before death. I thought to myself at 17 years old, how would I spend my last thirty days, probably not any differently because the last heartbeat is just as important as the one before.

I wonder how many of us are satisfied with what we are today? Are we satisfied enough with ourselves that if this were our last day, we would be happy with the life we had lived. The heartbeat that you heard earlier was pre-recorded for playing at an indefinite date. The heartbeats of you and I and many others are still beating and will continue if we are the big difference. I challenge each of you to contribute yourself to making the heartbeat of America a stronger one, by not only being the person God would have you to be, but by living the "Golden Rule"—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and I assure you every heartbeat will be a meaningful contribution to a better America! (Heartbeat fades back before conclusion and remains through the end of address.)

PRIDE . . . A MEASURE OF AMERICA'S SUCCESS

CHARLES POSTLES, National Vice President, North Atlantic Region

America was founded on the capitalistic free enterprise system. It is an economic system that is designed to provide proper rewards to each person in proportion to the effort that he puts forth. It is a

system that through hard work, regardless of one's beginning, he can rise to the top. It goes hand in hand with the democratic process, and also honors and respects the rights and freedoms of individuals to engage in those activities which they desire. The capitalistic free enterprise system encourages perfection because the workers know the better their performance the more they will be rewarded both monetarily and in personal satisfaction of a job well done—a feeling of contribution to society.

However, some have observed that this system is not working effectively today because people are not striving to make the system work. Some glowing examples are the teachers on strike this fall in various cities,



and one may justly ask if they are really acting in the best interests of the students. Also, this fall the auto workers went on strike, making demands which would effect the economy of the country. This makes me wonder about the FFA member who wants to do just enough to get by. Will he ever be a state officer or receive the American Farmer Degree? In days of old, cobblers used to make entire shoes. They took pride in their work, realizing their reputation was at stake depending on the quality of their workmanship. With the coming of the industrial revolution, and the assembly line process, workers tend to lose their identity, and in so doing pride in their accomplishments.

In our free enterprise system, not all Americans are owners of a farm or business, and many do not want to be owners. Regardless of the difference in desire or position, all of us can be stockholders of America, and as stockholders receive the greatest return by investing the most. The vocational agriculture student can become an expert agricultural mechanic in doing a thorough job, knowing someone is relying on his workmanship; FFA members in training, likewise, to be landscape architects will take pride in making the surroundings more useful and beautiful. Just as important, is the FFA member trying to improve his leadership ability by participating in a public speaking contest; or doing his part for his community in the FFA "Building Our American Communities" program. All have something in common—a goal, a desire to work, and pride in their accomplishments.

Recently I visited an FFA chapter that had already begun work on their FFA BOAC project. They were cleaning up a roadside, and as one member tossed a soda pop bottle into the trash container, I read the words "No Deposit—No Return." I thought how true that is of our involvement in FFA activities. If there is no deposit, no participation, no sacrifices, there will be no returns.

By my station as Vice President is the plow, symbol of labor. Without labor, neither knowledge nor wisdom can accomplish much. Today in America, we have the greatest wealth of knowledge ever, but without work that great wealth is worth nothing. As FFA members, your knowledge of how to judge a contest, how to conduct a meeting, how to prepare yourself for life, how to say thank you to adults who care, is worth little unless you do it, and unless you take pride in the job you have done. Pride is a good measure of success. Pride, because it means gaining confidence because of a job well done, a valiant effort ending in success. Fellow members, are you proud that you are an FFA member? Do you take pride in working toward your goal? Do you anticipate a greater pride when you have reached the goals you set? I hope so, because pride is a measure of America's success. As a stockholder in America, what deposits will you make and what returns

will you receive? One, I trust will be pride in yourself for the job you have done and will do in the future.

Thank you and God bless you all.

OURS IS TO LEAD

C. W. ST. JOHN, National Vice President, Southern Region

As I have traveled this year my faith in the citizenry of America has been confirmed and solidified. I have obtained an education that has broadened my outlook toward the future of the democratic system of government that we enjoy today. It is plain to see that in America we are experiencing the greatest experiment in human freedom and dignity ever attempted by man. But, it is an experiment not yet completed and each new generation of Americans must continue the efforts to make it better.



As Benjamin Franklin walked through the doors of Independence Hall after signing the Constitution a passerby on the street asked him, "Mr. Franklin, what have you given us?" His reply was simply, "A republic—if you can keep it." Yes, our forefathers won the Revolutionary War for us, but we must fight the battles of freedom and independence again and again with the dawning of each new day.

Too many citizens today are deserting their battle stations in these battles of freedom and independence; and too many are getting confused and firing upon our own men. The crisis that has developed in many of the large metropolitan areas today is not from a lack of concern of those people who are causing much of the trouble. Most of these people have a definite concern for their country, but this concern is twisted into violent ways due to a lack of leadership with a positive attitude. We know that the majority of the general public is destined to be followers of leaders, but people will follow a destructive leader as well, and as dedicated, as they will follow a constructive leader. It is evident that intelligent young people with good common sense and a positive attitude are needed to guide the concerned American youth—the kind of leadership we have in the FFA. You are the ones who can be that positive force in America.

We are told continually that we are the future of America—that we will one day lead the world. If that is true, the present is fast approaching the future. At no other time in history have the young people of not only America but of the world had such a voice in setting the policies and determining the actions of the nations around the

globe. Truly we are not only the future of America; we are the **NOW** for America. It should be no other way. America has continued to remain strong because each generation has had a vested interest in the welfare of the next generation. There is much concern today for the environment, not because our generation fears extinction, but because there is a genuine interest for the welfare of future generations. FFA members have a splendid opportunity to make wise use of the knowledge obtained from the agriculture classrooms to become leaders in the field of ecology. There is a direct relationship between ecology and agriculture.

It has been said that the earth is a huge stage and that the people on it are its actors. We know that the success of any stage performance depends upon the performance of the individual actors; likewise the success of nations depends upon the individual citizens. It is hard to believe that merely improving one's own personal character will better the world, but you are a dreamer if you think the world will grow better and you do not improve yourself.

Success can be measured in many ways. According to Mrs. A. J. Stanley:

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty, or failed to express it, who has always looked for the best in others, and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction."

With this definition we can see that partial success may be obtained easily, but obtaining true and complete success is an endless journey to be traveled day after day as long as there are avenues of involvement available.

We know from reading the book of Genesis that "God created man in his own image," but we also know that man was not intended to be a stereotyped species. We all are as different as light and darkness and at the same time as alike as products from the same assembly line—and rightly so. We have the God given right to think, to believe, and to perform as individuals. The responsibilities of living in an organized society should not infringe on these God given rights, but rather there should be a compromise between individual rights and responsibilities to society.

This generation as all the others before it, has distinguished itself from those previous generations by our very existence here. This generation like the others before it will go down in the books of history as contributing to either the **development**, the **evolution**, or the destruction of this civilization. It is plain to see that each generation has a

mission to accomplish on this earth; whether this mission is a pre-determined mission or merely one that evolves is not to be disputed here. Rather we should be more concerned that we do accomplish something relevant and beneficial. Let us begin now that we do not fail in our mission for: **Ours Is To Lead.**

NOW

DAVE DIETZ, National Vice President, Pacific Region

The day dawned in total darkness, blackness shrouded all the hours, night-time was all-time—and people sat and talked, doing nothing and speaking in a mindless gibberish—and the word think was extinct.



This is certainly not the optimistic future we all opt for. In fact it sounds like a foretelling of 1984, but it could well be the consequences of the lack of challenge and constructive motivation undertaken on the part of a majority of today's young people. To think, to understand, to act in a constructive manner when glory is not forthcoming is to work, and that seems beyond comprehension to so many. Future Farmers, you should count your blessings. You have been and are being reared in an environment that encourages competition, rewards mindful innovations and stimulates the learning process. God granted man no finer attribute than the opportunity to develop his mind. Not to do

so is a mortal sin.

To learn is to fulfill life's hopes. To learn. How often have you heard the educating process called a learning situation? I fear that this is too often a lost conception in education, and that too many times we talk in terms of teaching only. Teaching is but a small part of the game, learning is the key and that requires thought and interest **by you.** One of the regards I hold most highly for vocational agriculture and the FFA is that they promote the learning process. You gather knowledge of the theories of agriculture and put into practice that which has been taught to you. Again, be thankful and mindful for the blessings of such a chance.

If this is the case, then why is not everyone given some self same opportunity? The reason lies in our unique living situation. We have been born into lightness by virtue of our rural backgrounds. The candle of learning has been lit within the vocational agriculture class-

room and motivation has been supplied by the FFA programs. Not to grow in mind and deed is to forfeit your future.

For our peers who do not take the chance to understand or do not take advantage of similar opportunities, I have only disgust. Rather than looking towards means of constructive involvement, these young people either stagnate mentally or vent their pent up energies in a destructive fashion. The lack of mental stimulus and motivation results in an evil end. Either they become vegetables unto themselves or a social liability for all. This is the darkness which threatens us. I prefer to think in optimistic terms though. I like to think in terms of lightness, for it is all the more easy to see and understand that which surrounds us, and understanding will lead to the eventual reconciliation of today's troubled times.

Perhaps one of the finest summations of the attitude we should carry, was given by an unknown poet. The words can strengthen and encourage us all.

The storm shall dash thy face
The murk of war and worse
 Than war shall cover thee all over,
 (Wert capable of war, its tug
 trials? Be capable of peace,
 Its Trials,
 For the tug and mortal strain
 of nations comes at last in
 Prosperous peace, not war)
But thou shalt face thy fortunes,
Thy diseases and surmount them **all**.
The present holds thee not,
For such vast growth as thine
For such unparalleled flight as
Thine, such brood as thine,
The future only holds thee
 And can hold thee.

The future will hold us, perhaps embrace us readily, because we have seen the light of learning. The cry of ages, challenge, rings out once again but with increasing peril for lack of action by us. That action which is so readily available and most certain to help resolve our perils is the FFA program, for it embodies all that is important. The chance to become constructively involved, to develop your potentials, to understand all that is around you, to establish a relevant set of values, to build for a prosperous, productive future, is yours through FFA action. If you do not grasp that which is so readily available only you are to blame for your shortcomings.

To deny your future is to live a life of death. To fail to learn, to think, to understand is to sink in the abyss of darkness. Believe me, my fellow compatriots for tomorrow, the time of the future is now.



James V. Smith, Administrator, Farmers Home Administration.

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Samuel W. White, Jr., Retiring Chairman of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee.



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American Royal Queen
Karen Kemp, Md.



(Left) Patricia Krowicki, New Jersey; (right) Anita Decker, New York, first girls to serve as official delegates to National Convention.

A TIME FOR US

STEVE ZUMBACH, National Vice President, Central Region

With the close of this convention so will end my term as a national officer and six years of membership in the FFA. For me, it has been a time of growth, a time of preparation, and most importantly, a time to come to know and understand the youth of our country. My year as a national officer has given me the opportunity to observe the nation's young people in many different times, in many different ways, and many different places. It seemed, all of us, in our own little way were preparing for a time—a time when we will assume our role in society, a time when our presence will be felt, and a time when we will take our place amongst the world of men.



We dream of tomorrow. In many respects our dreams seem quite similar to the dreams of two classic romantics of old, Romeo and Juliet. In their very beautiful song, "A Time for Us," Romeo and Juliet sing and dream of their tomorrow and somehow their thoughts seem quite appropriate for our generation today. They sang of—

A time for us
At last to see a life worthwhile for you and me
And with our love through tears and thorns we will endure
As we pass surely through every storm.

A time for us
Some day there will be a time for us
Some day there will be a new world
A world of shining hope for you and me.

Yes, we as young people are looking forward to that time tomorrow, with a new world of shining hope for you and me. However, just as individuals vary so do the mechanisms by which we as youth prepare for our times tomorrow. With great pride, I observed you the members of FFA and other youth groups develop your hidden powers in preparation for your time. With great admiration, I observed many of our fellow peers devote time and effort in service to make other's tomorrow more enjoyable. With respect I observed many of the nation's young people become politically awakened and express concern about war, poverty, and pollution in an attempt to make our time in the world tomorrow a better place to live.

At other times this year, however, I was deeply saddened by several of our fellow peers who were also trying to build their time

tomorrow. With great remorse I observed the destruction of Honeywell Headquarters in Minneapolis which was partially destroyed during a demonstration by youth. I observed several of our fellow peers in a rehabilitation ward for dope addicts in New York City who by coping out on drugs will have no time tomorrow. With great sorrow I visited the Kent State Campus where four youth were killed because of a deepening canyon of misunderstanding between the youth and adults of this country. For them, their time will never come. Their tomorrow will never dawn.

But what of our dreams, what of our tomorrows, will they dawn, will there be a time for us? Hopefully our dreams and hopes of tomorrow will dawn and will come and not be shattered as they were for a gentleman I know quite well. In conversations with this man, he told me that as a youth he dreamed of the time when he would become successful in business. His dreams came true for today, he is one of the wealthiest men in my home State. During other visits, he informed me of his boyhood dreams to be a man of power and influence. His dreams once again came true for he became one of the more influential men in the politics of our State. Later in life this man had another dream, a dream held even more dearly than the first, that being, his son Rob, who was my age, would also leave his mark on society. I knew Rob during his late high school years, and it seemed as if the father's dream for his son would easily become a reality. Rob distinguished himself quite easily during high school academically and continued on in a similar manner during his first year of college. However, all dreams for this young man's future were abruptly shattered this fall, when Rob committed suicide during a bad drug trip. To many the conclusion was clear, Rob's father was so preoccupied with success in business and promoting his influence that his greatest dream for tomorrow would never become reality.

Today, we as youth, like Rob's father, became so preoccupied with colorful dreams that some of our ultimate goals are passing us by. We may dream of high powered automobiles and expensive hobbies. Later many of us romanticize ourselves as ending wars and stopping pollution. In viewing our socially concerned and humanitarian oriented generation, I think it's wonderful that we have so many good intentioned individuals. But, how much better it would be if we had a few more people who not only had good intentions, but also performed good deeds. There are too many individuals that merely wish to be soapbox orators, painting beautiful dreams of Utopia, but do not put forth the initiative to see their dreams for tomorrow become reality. What ails America will not be solved by those who heighten their emotional experience through drugs and dreams of love; nor those who strum their guitars and sing of peace. When it becomes fashionable to replace our revolutionary rhetoric with deeds our time

and world tomorrow will be a much better place in which to live. Although we as young romantics envision ourselves as ending wars, eradicating poverty, and stopping pollution, we may serve society in a less glamorous capacity but yet possibly more effectively by working to improve our own small communities, and most importantly developing our own hidden powers.

Hopefully, we haven't become so preoccupied as did Rob's father with worldly objectives, that when our time comes tomorrow, we will not find ourselves sadly lacking for having neglected the opportunity to develop our God given talents.

While in New York City, the national officers heard these thoughts summarized quite effectively by Reverend Norman Vincent Peale. In his concluding remarks to the congregation, he stated that "God's gift to man was life, what man did with that life was his gift to God." In order that we can have assurance that there will be time for us, and that our lives would truly be a gift to God, it would be well to start by preparing ourselves now.

My time as a National FFA Officer has come and now gone. Your gift to me last fall was the opportunity to serve, what I did with that opportunity is my gift to you. How well I honored you with the time you have given to me can only stand as your judgment. I care not if my year be considered great, fair or poor, but when the final records are written, I would just hope that by my name that could be said with what capabilities I had, I used them to my best to serve you and the FFA.

My time of standing beside you as an FFA member has now come to a close. But, once again we shall stand together side by side in yet even a greater challenge—that challenge—when the time for us comes to take our place amongst the world of men. Hopefully these challenges that face the new generation can be met and met victoriously. May we in a search for a time for us replace the canyons of misunderstanding that separate the young and old and march victoriously together toward a better America and a better world.

Hopefully our quest for a "Time for Us" does not follow the same sad pattern of Romeo and Juliet. Only through their tragic deaths could the conflicts that faced their families be resolved. Rather than tragedy, may we dedicate ourselves to resolving our conflicts with a spirit of personal development and understanding so that there might be—

A time for us
At last to see a life worthwhile for you and me
And with our love through tears and thorns we will endure
As we pass surely through every storm.

A time for us
Some day there will be a time for us
Some day there will be a new world
A world of shining hope for you and me.

NATIONAL OFFICER HIGHLIGHTS

DENNIS PHARRIS, National FFA Secretary

Life's Lesson—Learn to make the most of life,
Lose no happy day,
Time can never bring thee back—
Chances swept away—
Leave no tender word unsaid.
Love while life shall last—
The Mill never turns again with water that has past.

This year we six National Officers have had the opportunity to make the most of our lives. We have had many memorable experiences while serving you. It is only fitting that we share some of these highlights with you.

We are indebted to many fine people for helping to make our year so successful. First of all, we are thankful to God for the guidance and protection He has provided. We are indeed grateful to our parents for their continued assistance and support in order that we might fulfill our duties and responsibilities. A very sincere note of gratitude goes to our "Coach," Mr. Gray for his guidance and understanding as we worked together to complete our obligations. Mr. Harris, we appreciate your never ending interest and enthusiasm in working with us. We are thankful for Mr. Hunsicker for his dedication and staunch determination to assure the continued progress of FFA. The National Staff, Board of Directors, and many others have impressed us greatly by their concern, eagerness, and diligent work put forth to see the FFA take another step forward. Service is a privilege we chose to partake of by running for office, but it has been a distinct honor to have served those fellow members who elected us. Your friendship, support, and diligent cooperation have truly proved that we are all united as one body working for one profound purpose.

As we walked off this stage one year ago, we walked off with great anticipation and willingness to serve. This opportunity was provided us, but also along with this came great moments of happiness and inspiration for us.

One year ago the flow of water began as the National Officers started to travel. Harry headed for the National Grange Convention in Florida. Steve was at the National Farm Bureau Convention in Washington, D. C. and I was in Omaha for the Farm-City Exchange Conference.

Soon after the New Year we were all in Washington for leadership training and meetings. We were honored to visit with many Senators and Congressmen and members of the President's Cabinet. As FFA ambassadors we left Washington on The 23rd Annual Good-Will Tour, which carried us into 20 major cities in 15 states. We visited 116

major corporations in the country. Our visits acquainted many new friends with the FFA and related our appreciation to the outstanding people and sponsors who support us through the National FFA Foundation. We climaxed our tour visiting with President Nixon who wholeheartedly endorsed the new FFA program—"Building Our American Communities."

After the Board of Directors meeting in Washington, we all went our separate ways and visited the 50 State Conventions. We found ourselves making new friends, participating in State convention activities, and learning of the accomplishments of each State Association we visited.

As the months passed by, new pages were written into FFA history. Dave represented FFA on a trip around the world and provided help and encouragement to the newly organized Future Farmers of Vietnam. Harry represented the organization at the Triumph of Agriculture in Omaha and the National Farmers Union Convention in Denver. Charles attended the Post Secondary Occupational Education Seminar in Washington, while Steve was at the Minneapolis Farm Forum and the National DECA Convention. C. W. was in Dallas for the Guidance Counselors meeting for Southern States and I was at the National Office Education Association Convention.

The months of June and July found all of us in and out of Washington, D. C. for Leadership & Citizenship Conferences that involved 410 Chapter Officers and 75 State Officers. The officers attended 8 sub-regional leadership conferences, nationwide, where leadership workshops for state officers were held.

The Board of Directors meeting highlighted the summer and also found the officers attending many other conferences. C. W. was in Lincoln for the National Agricultural Youth Institute and the Mid-South Fair. Steve was active with the VICA and FHA conventions and he also paid a visit to the American Institute of Cooperation. Charles was in Philadelphia where he attended the National FBLA convention. Harry was in Utah for the National Animal Science Convention. Dave headed up the Drug Abuse Conference in Washington and I was in Michigan for Camp Minnawanca along with many other FFA representatives.

Among other activities, the National Officers visited 161 chapters, spoke at 112 chapter banquets and 57 Service Clubs.

These are only a few of the significant highlights of a flowing river that got its start one year ago. Service was our duty and we hope we have served you well. We hope our efforts have inspired others, but you truly have inspired us by your desire to cooperate and your never ceasing belief in an organization that is yours and is only as good or big as you make it. FFA is not great because of the structure, nor because of the National Officers or the National Staff, but because of

you, the endless flow of water that affords great opportunities to many young people—the Flowing River of FFA.

An ambitious young man asked a great merchant to reveal the secret of success. "Just jump at opportunity," answered the merchant. "But," said the young man, "how can I tell when my opportunity is coming?" "You can't," replied the merchant, "just keep jumping."

AGRICULTURAL CAREER EXHIBITORS

Agricultural Relations Council
American Agricultural Editors' Association
American Association of Agricultural College Editors
American Association of Nurserymen and National Landscape Association
American Fisheries Society
American Petroleum Institute
American Seed Trade Association
American Society of Agricultural Engineers
American Society of Agronomy, Corp Science, Society of America, Soil Science, Society of America
American Society For Horticultural Science
Census of Agriculture
College Admissions Council
Edison Electric Institute
Farm Electrification Council
Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association
Farm & Industrial Equipment Institute
Institute of Food Technologists
National Agricultural Advertising & Marketing Association
National Association of Animal Breeders
National Association County Agricultural Agents
National Association of Farm Broadcasters
National Farm & Power Equipment Dealers Association
National Grain and Feed Association
National Society of Live Stock Record Associations
National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association
Peace Corps
Sales & Marketing Executives International
Society of American Florists
Society of American Foresters
Soil Conservation Society of America
Weed Science Society of America
The Wildlife Society

Committee Reports

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Office for the year 1970-71. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

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| President | DAN LEHMANN, Illinois |
| Secretary | JOHN MCCULLEY, Oregon |
| Vice President, Central Region | WAYNE HUMPHREYS, Iowa |
| Vice President, North Atlantic Region | GEORGE E. ALLEN, New York |
| Vice President, Pacific Region | DAN DOOLEY, California |
| Vice President, Southern Region | JIM BEARD, Oklahoma |
| Treasurer | J. M. CAMPBELL, Virginia |
| Executive Secretary | WM. PAUL GRAY, Washington, D. C. |
| Advisor | H. N. HUNSICKER, Washington, D. C. |

Respectfully submitted,

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| CLAYTON B. MARLOW, Wyoming (Chairman) |
| GARY HANSEN, South Dakota |
| TIMOTHY L. RUTH, Pennsylvania |
| BILL COFIELD, Alabama |
| CLIFFORD SAYLOR, Arizona |
| JAMES SORLIE, Minnesota |
| ROBERT M. HINTON, Florida |
| DAVID L. THURESON, Washington |
| LEON C. GRAVES, Vermont |

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have reviewed and inspected the general records and financial statements of the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America. We found that the accounts kept by our National Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Campbell, and his secretary, Mrs. Pauline Coiner, for the fiscal year July 1, 1969 through June 30, 1970, were true and correct in every respect and that our organization was in sound financial condition.

We also received and reviewed the audit of Lybrand, Ross Bros. and Montgomery, Certified Public Accountants.

We wish to commend Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Coiner for their fine job of keeping the FFA accounts, and to thank Dr. Woodrow W. Wilkerson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Virginia State Board of Education, for allowing Mr. Campbell to give of his time to the task of serving as our National FFA Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

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| MARK SMITH, Minnesota (Chairman) |
| JOHN FOGELL, Rhode Island |
| EDWIN S. HOLMES, Massachusetts |
| STEPHEN BAUM, Louisiana |

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

We, the National FFA Convention Proceedings Committee for 1970, having reviewed the 42nd National Convention Proceedings, recommend the following:

1. Include the farewell speeches of the National Officers and the National Public speaking winner.
2. Include the names of the newly elected National Officers in the minutes.
3. Request that every chapter preserve at least one copy of the National Convention Proceedings for reference by chapter members.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY J. BURKE, Iowa (Chairman)
BARRY GEORGE, Georgia
LAWRENCE NAGATA, Hawaii
HARRY RILEY, West Virginia
ALLEN QUIGLEY, New Hampshire
JAY COX, Oklahoma
LOREN HUNT, Arizona

THE NATIONAL FFA SUPPLY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The National FFA Supply Service Committee hereby recommends:

1. That the Supply Service study the feasibility of developing a blue corduroy A-line skirt and vest with standard lettering similar to the boys' jacket for girl members.
2. That the Supply Service move forward with an official dress for girls and the states be kept informed on progress made in this direction.
3. That the Supply Service report progress made at the 1971 National FFA Convention.
4. That the Supply Service investigate the feasibility of selling a notebook similar to the small black binder used by the National Officers.
5. That the Supply Service investigate the feasibility of an official FFA attaché case.
6. That the Supply Service investigate the cost of producing and selling an official FFA date book.

The committee would like to commend the Future Farmers Supply Service for their loyal, undivided service to the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER FOULKS, Indiana (Chairman)
JIM PURCE, New Mexico
LARRY WARE, Georgia
GEORGIENE PONCE, Ohio
DEBBIE WILKENSON, Oregon
STEVE ALEXANDER, Hawaii
PATRICIA M. KROWICKI, New Jersey
SAM HARSIN, Oregon
LUIS SEPULVEDA, Puerto Rico
ANITA DECKER, New York
JIM BLACKFORD, Colorado
SUE JOHNSON, Oregon
PAT CARTER, Ohio
LAURIE DIAN PAYNE, Tennessee

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

We, the International Program of Activities Committee, for 1970 submit the following goal:

To provide for an exchange of ideas with agriculturally oriented groups abroad and at home, and to exchange organizational ideas in order to further our mutual goals in agricultural education.

We suggest the following objectives to achieve this goal:

1. Spend designated FFA International Activities funds on the Future Farmer Globe, an international magazine about the FFA.
2. Expand and improve "Work Experience" programs, with all countries willing to participate.
3. Encourage State Associations and local chapters to undertake International programs and exchanges.
4. Work closely with Foreign Ministries of Education in exchange programs.
5. Establish an International Agricultural Youth Conference for 1976.
6. Recommend to the NVATA that they undertake an agricultural teacher exchange with foreign countries.
7. Utilize American representatives in foreign countries more efficiently to help develop necessary contacts with agriculturally oriented youth groups.
8. Work closely with foundations and organizations with common objectives and goals.
9. Continue to explore new areas for financing of International programs.
10. Utilize exchange visitors on the chapter, state and national levels in order to stimulate more interest in International programs.

At a time in history when two-thirds of the world goes hungry, when 20% of the people own and control 80% of the resources, when the gap between "developed" and "developing" nations widens each day, FFA should commit itself to provide encouragement and assistance wherever possible to help improve agricultural conditions, and make the world a better place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

LEE PITTS, California (Chairman)
LANDIS PHILLIPS, North Carolina
CRAIG PASSEY, Idaho
DAVID JACQUIER, Connecticut
ROBERT S. HORSEY, Delaware
LARRY FRACE, New Jersey
ALBERT HANSON, South Dakota

NATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

After reviewing the 1970 National Convention, we the Convention Program Committee, submit the following recommendations to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee:

1. That more attention be given to convention planning in the following areas:
 - a. Exact list of award recipients who are present should be in the chairman's hands prior to the session in which the award is to be given.
 - b. Improved coordination of the audio-visual effects.
 - c. Programming of ceremonies and presentations.

2. That key convention photos be made available to members at the convention to reduce the distraction of members taking pictures.
3. That all FFA members be on time and prepared for all sessions of which they are a part. They should remain in attendance until dismissed, by the chairman.
4. That the Star Agribusiness ceremony be held at a night session.
5. We commend the membership on the high standard of dress and conduct.
6. We commend the organist, band, and chorus for a job well done.
7. We considered the Vespers service, career show, FFA tours and the general appearance of the convention to be outstanding, and we commend those who were responsible.
8. We commend and extend special thanks to all of the supporters of the FFA who helped make the convention a success.
9. We recognize the very outstanding job that all of the national officers have done during this convention and throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY HUBLER, Maryland (Chairman)
HENRY HAMPTON, North Carolina
CORTNEY DAHL, Nevada

NATIONAL FFA CALENDAR COMMITTEE

We wish to commend the FFA Calendar staff, under the direction of Jack Pitzer, for the development, promotion and success of our Calendar program.

To further promote and develop the public relations value of the National FFA Calendar, we make the following recommendations:

1. Institute ways to inform chapters of our calendar program.
 - a. Have State officers explain the calendar programs during chapter visits.
 - b. Individual chapters may obtain information from the National Calendar staff.

Calendar Department
The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine
P. O. Box 15130
Alexandria, Virginia 22309
2. Institute National and State recognition for chapters that participate in the Official FFA Calendar Program.
 - a. Present a national recognition certificate signed by the National President and National Advisor to each chapter.
 - b. Provide in the respective State newsletters recognition for chapters participating in the Official Calendar Program.
3. Encourage that the Calendar makeup and constitution reflect the new image of FFA.
 - a. Include in the Calendar pictures such as FFA's involvement in Building Our American Communities and in being involved in America's future.
4. Encourage each member of the FFA to have an Official FFA Calendar.
5. Propose an incentive program to chapters to participate in the Official Calendar program.
 - a. Provide plastic pocket calendars with the purchase of a minimum order.
 - b. Provide desk type appointment calendars with the purchase of a minimum order.

6. All chapters strive to provide quality 4 x 5 color transparencies for possible publication in the FFA Calendar and in the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
7. Chapters should be encouraged to place orders in the spring. To insure pre-holiday delivery, orders should be received no later than December 1.

Respectfully submitted,

STAN WALKER, Nebraska (Chairman)

BILL NELSON, Colorado

DALE BOYETT, Florida

ALLEN QUINTIN, Missouri

STEVE DOWER, Texas

PAUL DUREPE, Maine

NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the National FFA Organization, we the National FFA Foundation Committee of the 43rd National Convention, wish to express our gratitude to the Foundation sponsors for their contributions to our organization.

We extend a most sincere thanks to Mr. Samuel W. White, Jr., Vice President, Borg-Warner Corporation, and 1970 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee; Mr. Donald N. McDowell, Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee; and Mr. Robert Seefeldt, Manager of Contests and Awards of the FFA.

We submit the final recommendations to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees:

1. That we commend Mr. Bob Seefeldt and the members of his committee for a job well done in producing the packet of Proficiency Awards. This is one of the most significant changes in the history of the FFA and will surely do much toward increasing participation in the awards program.
2. That the states take the following action in the awards area:
 - a. Encourage increased participation for Proficiency Awards.
 - b. Further publicize these new facets of our awards program.
 - c. Encourage advisors to make these Proficiency Award packets available to the students.
 - d. Make this packet available to State officers.
3. That the national staff look into the expansion of the Livestock Proficiency Award to include such areas as minks, dogs, etc.
4. That an award be made available to parallel the Star Chapter Farmer Award on the chapter level called the Star Chapter Agribusiness Award.
5. That we support the allocation of National Foundation cash awards as is.
6. That state and local officers, and members work closely with the Farmers Home Administration in developing the "Building Our American Communities" Program.
 - a. Each chapter should survey the local community as to its resources in relation to this program.
 - b. We strongly suggest that each chapter do at least one project during 1970-71.
7. That National FFA Foundation awards be emphasized at the Washington Leadership Conferences.
8. That all Foundation awards be emphasized as much as possible on the regional, state and local level.

9. That Mr. Seefeldt look into the possibilities of revising the National Chapter Award form and the National Chapter Safety Award form.
10. That the possibility of visiting the Regional Star Farmer and Star Agribusiness applicants to review their programs be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

BARHAM FULMER, Texas (Chairman)

GENE TAPALMAN, Ohio

TERRY HESS, Wisconsin

MIKE FAIRLESS, Tennessee

ALBERT HANSON, South Dakota

JIMMY CRADDOCK, Virginia

KENNY MORROW, Alabama

MARVIN MUELA, California

ALAN MUNSON, Connecticut

NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

We, the members of the National FFA Magazine Committee for 1970, submit the following recommendations for improvement and increased interest in the National FFA Magazine:

1. More articles written by the national officers included in the Magazine.
2. Encourage local chapters to accurately submit names and addresses of chapter membership rosters to the National Magazine.
3. Encourage inspirational and informative articles concerning success of former and present FFA members.
4. Inform readers of need for quality pictures submitted for possible use in the Magazine, and encourage chapter members and advisors to submit high quality articles concerning unusual projects that would interest FFA members.
5. The National FFA Magazine inform readers of items and business concerning actions of our National Board of Directors and to be printed at appropriate times.
6. Encourage publication of articles representing all areas of agricultural industries and FFA activities.
7. This committee report be published in the next issue of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine to inform every member of our recommendations and how each individual can contribute to the improvement of the Magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER M. JOHNSON, Massachusetts (Chairman)

SAM HILL, Utah

JOHN RICH, Illinois

HERBERT BROWN, Alabama

CLIFF CARTWRIGHT, Mississippi

MICHAEL PULLINS, Ohio

KEITH CONNOLLEY, Delaware

SAM BURTON, Tennessee

LARRY PRAGER, Wyoming

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Leadership Training Committee for 1970, feel that leadership must be developed in the FFA at the local, State

and national levels. To fulfill this need in part, we recommend the following:

1. A State and National Officers' Washington Conference be held the third week of July 1971, for National Officers, State FFA Association Presidents and one other representative from each state. Emphasis should be placed on obtaining special project funding through the National FFA Foundation to finance this important program. In the event that funds are not available for this conference from the FFA Foundation, we strongly recommend that the conference be continued, allowing states that can afford the expense to send their state representatives.

This conference should be designed to meet the needs of state officers. The program should be planned by the National FFA staff and conducted by the National Officers.

2. The sub-regional conferences should be planned earlier (six weeks in advance) and more completely. These programs should be publicized to encourage more state participation. National Officers and staff should participate in all sub-regional conferences. Only current state officers should participate in the conference programs.
3. Leadership-Citizenship and Chapter Impact Conferences should be continued as a part of the Washington Conference Program.
4. We approve and support the addition of two new conferences to the Washington Conference Program.
 - a. The Agriculture Public Relations Conference for local, area and state FFA reporters to be held in Washington, August 2-7, 1971.
 - b. The Agriculture Career Conference for local, area and State Agricultural Proficiency Award winners to be held in Washington, August 9-14, 1971.
5. A list of leadership materials available from the National Organization should be distributed to chapter FFA advisors annually.
6. States should exchange ideas and materials on leadership development at various leadership conferences.
7. All FFA chapter members should take advantage of all opportunities offered in FFA leadership activities.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUG DEETS, Kansas (Chairman)

TIM DAUGHERTY, Missouri

WILLIAM BRIGHT, South Carolina

MAX RODIBAUGH, Indiana

MARK PARREIRA, California

WAYNE L. FREDERICKS, Iowa

TIM PRICE, Louisiana

FRED BURT, North Carolina

VIC CHOATE, Texas

MANUAL REVIEW AND REVISION COMMITTEE

The 1970 FFA Manual Review and Revision Committee met and after reviewing the very fine report of the 1969 committee, we recommend the following for the 1971 edition:

1. Photographs
 - a. That those photos on Pages 19, 44, 48, 58, 59, 82, top of 87, 91, 93, 96, 127 and 128, be updated, without changing the theme which they portray.
 - b. That the photo on Page 34 be replaced by the one taken of the 1969-70 National Officers with President Nixon.

- c. That the photo on Page 47 be coordinated with the calendar above it.
- d. That a photograph of the 1928 National Convention be included in the historical sketch.
- e. That a photo of the 1970 delegate body be included in the Constitution section.
- f. That a photograph of FFA Vice President Dave Dietz on his recent international good-will tour be included in the International Program section on Pages 20 and 21.

2. That the section entitled "Collegiate Chapters" on Page 114, be expanded in accordance with any business transacted at this convention.
3. That only the lyrics, not the musical score be included in the FFA song section.
4. That a sample year-round public relations program for local chapters be included after the publicity section.
5. That an orderly precedence of motions chart be included in the parliamentary procedure section.
6. That a section be inserted that includes the total membership of the FFA by States. This to include both the current and previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE ERATH, New York (Chairman)
LESLIE MORGAN, South Carolina
TOBY WOODMORE, Tennessee
BILL HOGAN, Utah
THEODORE RHODES, Pennsylvania
MIKE MURPHY, Oklahoma
KENNY KING, Kentucky
MONTE RUPP, Idaho

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES (LOCAL GUIDE) COMMITTEE

Upon reviewing the guide for local chapters to use in developing a program of activities, the committee feels that the present guide as printed in the 1970 Official FFA Manual is complete and accurate, except for recommendations in the following divisions:

1. Division I, Activity 6, delete present "Goal 1" and substitute "Encourage and assist FFA members to engage in farm placement and agribusiness work experience programs."
2. Division I, Activity 6, add "d" to "Ways and Means," "Select and honor Chapter Star Agribusinessman."
3. We recommend an introductory paragraph at the beginning of Division III, Community Services, as follows: "It is recommended that local chapters participate in the 'Building Our American Communities' program and follow the guideline developed by the FFA in cooperation with the Farmers Home Administration."

Respectfully submitted,

JUNIOR BARRINGER, Arkansas (Chairman)
BILL McKNIGHT, Nevada
BRENT SMITH, Vermont
THOMAS DEVOE, Maine
PAUL D. LINDSETH, North Dakota
JOHN YOUNG, Michigan
ELI MARRERO, Puerto Rico

INFORMATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We, the National FFA Information Program Committee for 1970-71, recommend the following:

1. National Officers be a highlight of State Conventions. Every State Association should encourage the exchange of officers at State Conventions.
2. Expand work of the Public Relations Corps at the convention to assist in gathering news.
3. Official dress be worn at all FFA functions to improve the image of the FFA.
4. That good personal appearance and conduct for every FFA member be stressed by FFA officers, teachers and supervisors.
5. Initiate weekly FFA radio broadcasts and try to obtain a TV special on local, State, and National levels.
6. That local chapters select outstanding representatives to speak before farm organizations, business, civic, and youth groups. Cooperative activities with other educational youth organizations be encouraged at all levels.
7. That the National FFA theme be used not only during FFA Week, but during the entire year, using public information materials made available by the Future Farmers Supply Service.
8. More effective use of Children's Barnyard at local and State Fairs by providing audio-visuals explaining the FFA program.
9. Complimentary subscriptions of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine be sent to businessmen by local chapters.
10. That chapters sponsor parent-member banquets and other activities to acquaint leaders of business, community and education with the FFA program.
11. That the National Officers' tour cover all segments of industry and different regions of the country each year; state and local officers are encouraged to initiate similar programs.
12. That every chapter actively participate in the FFA "Building Our American Communities" program and use the available materials effectively.
13. That commendation be given the national public relations staff for improvement in the national public relations program and encourage development of new materials in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY ROLLER, Virginia (Chairman)

MERCER TURNER, Illinois

LARRY ESTES, North Carolina

CHARLES MARTIN, Nebraska

DAVID BOWERS, Wisconsin

DON SHORES, Arkansas

KENNETH CURTIS, Texas

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend that the Future Farmers of America extend our sincere appreciation for the contributions of individuals and groups who have made this convention a huge success:

1. To the members of the National Board of Directors, staff of the National FFA Organization, and State Staffs for their conscientious effort and continuing assistance to members of the Future Farmers of America.

2. To the 1969-70 National Officers for providing inspiration and leadership necessary for the success of this convention.
3. To Mr. Samuel W. White, Jr., 1970 Chairman of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, for his aggressive leadership of that organization.
4. To Mr. Donald McDowell, Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, for his efforts in soliciting support for the Foundation.
5. To Mr. Art Linkletter for his timely and inspiring remarks to the convention.
6. To the Kansas City FFA Convention Advisory Committee, the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and the management and staff of the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium for their willingness to serve the FFA.
7. To Honorable Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, the residents of Kansas City and the Kansas City Police Force for their hospitality and warm welcome.
8. To the American Royal for providing an educational and entertaining day of activities for the FFA.
9. To the outstanding guest speakers who appeared on our program: The Honorable Robert D. Ray, Dr. Leon Minear, Mr. Fess Parker, Mr. James V. Smith, Mr. Louis Strong, and the Honorable Ed Jones.
10. To Mr. Roger Heath, Mr. James Dougan, Mr. Marvin Myers, Mr. Don Erickson, Dr. James Clouse, and their assistants for their outstanding work with the Band, Chorus, Courtesy Corps, Talent, Ushers, Stage Crews and Arena Floor Crews.
11. The Baldwin Organ and Piano Company for loaning us the electric organ for the convention, and to Steve Hofing, convention organist from the Illinois Association.
12. To all members of the National FFA Band, National FFA Chorus, Courtesy Corps, to those presenting the Talent Show, Ushers, Stage Crews and Floor Crews.
13. To all the individuals, companies and civic clubs who sponsored meal functions and other activities for the benefit of our members.
14. To Mr. Robert Seefeldt, Manager of FFA Contests and Awards, and the Trade and Professional Associations for their dynamic Agricultural Career Exhibits, and all the State Associations for their informative exhibits.
15. To all respected officials and participants who took part in the various contests, awards programs and other special events.
16. To Mr. Frank Carlson, Mr. Merrill Cartwright, Mr. G. A. Christians, Mr. John Dierbeck, and Mr. Edward Sawtell for their part in selecting the National Public Speaking Contest winners.
17. To the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for an extremely entertaining evening program climaxing the convention.
18. To Mr. Len Dawson for his part in the inspirational Vespers Service.
19. To the U.S. Air Force Color Guard from the Richards Gebaur Air Force Base for the posting of our National Colors.
20. To all organizations of the press, TV and radio that have publicized this convention, and to Mr. Dan Reuwee for his preparation of the convention press releases.
21. To the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and the Farmers Home Administration for their outstanding support of the Building Our American Communities program.

Respectfully submitted,

TEDDY SHAW, Oklahoma (Chairman)

HENRY BEHRENWALD, Michigan

DALE STITH, Kentucky

DAVID REINHARDT, Montana

JACK INGSTAD, North Dakota

NATIONAL FFA PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

We, the members of the National Program of Activities Committee have carefully reviewed and inspected the proposed 1971 National Program of Activities, and submit the following recommendations to the Boards of National Officers and Directors for their consideration:

1. That the changes proposed by the 1970 committee be retained.

These are:

- a. That the National Program of Activities be divided into three main areas: Service, Organizational Operations, and Cooperative Activities.
- b. That these three main areas of activity be further divided into sub-headings of "Items," "Goals," and "Ways and Means."
- c. That "Goals" be made measurable and specific, using definite figures or numbers as often as possible.
- d. That a fifth column titled "accomplishments" be added to the National Program of Activities. The purpose of this column would be to see if goals are being attained.
- e. That an annual report be made at each National FFA Convention enumerating accomplishments.
- f. That an annual report be made and distributed to each FFA chapter so that the progress of the National Program of Activities will be known to all FFA members.

2. That the two following changes be made in the suggested 1971 Program of Activities:
 - a. Under the item National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Goal 3, strike "Ways and Means a," retain "Ways and Means b."
 - b. Under the item Finance, Ways and Means a, to add the words "through local chapters and State Associations," will help to better define the National Program of Activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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RONNIE CHILDS, West Virginia

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NATIONAL FFA PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

1971

| Area | Item | Goals | Ways and Means |
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| Services (to State FFA associations, chapters and FFA members) | National FFA Supply Service | Make available from one source needed and wanted official FFA sup- plies of highest possible quality at lowest possible price in as short a time as possible. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer operation of National FFA Supply Service in a businesslike manner. b. Maintain high quality of merchandise sold through the Supply Service. c. Employ the necessary qualified staff to maintain an efficient operation. |
| | The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To publish and mail directly to the home of all FFA members six issues annually. 2. Continue to tailor magazine for the members and readers. 3. Increase revenue for operating FFA magazine. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer publication of Magazine. b. Collect FFA member subscriptions and home addresses with FFA dues. c. Maintain a mailing list of all FFA members and other subscribers. d. Encourage the use of the FFA Magazine in the public relations program of local chapters, state associations and national organization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Survey interest and desires of readers during coming year. b. Visit members at conventions, chapter meetings and with teachers on selected occasions to analyze needs of the membership. c. Obtain information and pictures from members. d. Feature agri-emphasis in each issue. |
| Official FFA Calendar | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make available an Official FFA Calendar for use by all local chapters in their public relations activities. 2. To have more than 1,050 FFA chapters and 30 State Associations actively participating in the program in 1971. 3. To have each State association increase the number of participating chapters. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer publication, promotion and distribution of calendar. b. Keep States and local chapters informed on how to use calendar via media-like direct mail. c. Encourage States and chapters to use the calendar program for effective public relations as well as a money-making activity. d. Offer 3 styles of calendar; 3 plans of participation. |

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| Information | 1. Inform the FFA members, advisors, supporters and general public about the agricultural education program. | a. Administer an information service. | a. Administer an information service. |
| | 2. Prepare and distribute news releases on all regional and national award winners and national program participants. Photographs included when feasible. | b. Provide general information on agricultural education program to news resources. | b. Provide general information on agricultural education program to news resources. |
| | 3. Increase radio and TV contact with national officers. | c. Publicize regional and national award winners. | c. Publicize regional and national award winners. |
| | 4. Promote the annual FFA Theme, with more than 2,000 chapters using official FFA Week promotional materials offered by the organization. | d. Provide a news photo service. | d. Provide a news photo service. |
| | | e. Organize a media contact program for national officer tour. | e. Organize a media contact program for national officer tour. |
| | | f. Provide officers with visual aid materials for TV. | f. Provide officers with visual aid materials for TV. |
| | | g. Plan, develop, distribute and promote National FFA Week materials. | g. Plan, develop, distribute and promote National FFA Week materials. |
| International | 1. Make available international educational experiences for all State FFA Associations, chapters and FFA members. | a. Administer a program of international experiences. | a. Administer a program of international experiences. |
| | 2. Arrange State study tours for over 75 FFA members, exchange programs for over 40 FFA members and over 40 students from other countries. | b. Assist State Associations in arranging study tours. | b. Assist State Associations in arranging study tours. |
| | 3. Explore and/or provide agricultural education program assistance to at least 5 developing countries. | c. Arrange for 3 and 6 months work experience programs. | c. Arrange for 3 and 6 months work experience programs. |
| | | d. Develop plans for special projects with developing countries. | d. Develop plans for special projects with developing countries. |
| | | e. Provide service to countries developing FFA-like organizations. | e. Provide service to countries developing FFA-like organizations. |
| Contests and Awards | 1. Increase participation within the agricultural proficiency award program above the chapter level from | a. Assist where possible Future Farmer organs in Panama, Colombia, and Thailand. | a. Assist where possible Future Farmer organs in Panama, Colombia, and Thailand. |
| | | b. Establish working relationships with future groups in Japan and the Philippines. | b. Establish working relationships with future groups in Japan and the Philippines. |
| | | a. Provide agricultural proficiency award recognition at the chapter, State, regional and national level. Encourage each state to have local chapters submit proficiency applications | a. Provide agricultural proficiency award recognition at the chapter, State, regional and national level. Encourage each state to have local chapters submit proficiency applications |

the 1969-70 total of 10,596 to 15,000.

2. Provide a program to encourage FFA chapters to more effectively use the FFA in agricultural education.
3. Continue effective program with all 49 states and Puerto Rico participating.
4. Increase the number of Superior-rated chapters from the present 2,684 out of 8,176 to 2,800.
5. Increase the numbers of chapters participating in the safety program above the chapter level from the present 457 out of 8,176 to 500.
6. Promote National Judging Contests to have at least 42 state teams participating in dairy cattle judging, 35 state teams in dairy products judging, 38 state teams in meats judging, 38 state teams in poultry judging and 45 state teams in livestock judging.

to the next level of competition before receiving the local proficiency award medal.

- b. Arrange for Public Speaking contest recognition at the local, State, regional and national levels.
- c. Provide encouragement and recognition to FFA chapters to include the National Chapter Award program, Safety and Judging Contests—Dairy Cattle, Livestock, Meats, Dairy Products and Poultry in their programs of activities.
- d. Encourage State Associations to expand and/or improve their programs by providing funds for state initiated activities.
- e. Conduct an extensive study and review of the national chapter and safety award programs with use of special study committees.
- f. Continue exploration for method to improve present programs and to expand into new areas needed in the FFA.

Leadership

1. Assist and encourage State Associations and FFA chapters to establish leadership training for all members.
2. Extend and supplement leadership and citizenship activities through regional and national conferences and workshops to service 1,000 FFA members from 49 state associations and Puerto Rico.

a. Plan and/or arrange sub-regional leadership conferences available to all State FFA Officers.

- b. Conduct a State and National Officers' Washington Conference.
- c. Establish and operate National Chapter Impact Conferences for chapter officers and advisors.
- d. Plan and operate National Leadership and Citizenship Conferences for FFA Officers (chapter, district, section, regional).
- e. Operate a National Agriculture Career Conference for local and state agricultural proficiency award winners.

| Area | Item | Goals | Ways and Means |
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| Organizational Operations (Necessary function to maintain and operate the National Organization) | National FFA Board of Directors | Operate an efficient and productive National FFA Organization. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Operate a National Agriculture Public Relations Conference for local and state reporters. g. Develop and distribute needed leadership materials to States and chapters. |
| | National FFA Governing Committee | Maintain decision making process between Board meetings. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintain system of selection. b. Arrange for annual meetings, July, October and January. c. Prepare agenda and facilities. d. Print and distribute minutes. |
| | National FFA Officers | Provide inspiring, outstanding FFA officer leadership to the organization. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meet on call to make necessary decisions for the Board. b. Prepare and distribute Minutes of Governing Committee meetings. c. Elect according to the Constitution and Public Law 740 at each National Convention. d. Train National Officers. e. Program Officers into all State FFA Conventions, regional and national leadership, conferences, and other regional and national meetings for which they are requested. f. Arrange for Officers to attend other State FFA activities when requested. g. Plan and conduct a nationwide National Officers' Tour visiting Sponsors to the National FFA Foundation and other representatives of business, industry, organizations, and individuals. |
| | Delegates to the National Convention | Provide membership representation in organizational decision making. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Arrange for selection, housing, orientation and seating of delegates. b. Provide travel funds for delegates. c. Prepare National Officers for delegate sessions. d. Record results. |
| | National FFA Convention | Provide a place for delegate work and recognition of outstanding Re- | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plan annual convention in October the week preceding American Royal. |

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| gional and National accomplishments. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Prepare and distribute convention publicity. c. Select National award winners, Star Farmer, Star Agribusinessman, public speaking and fifteen agriculture proficiency award areas. d. Arrange for award recipients to be present and well recognized. e. Operate a national band, chorus, courtesy corps, stage crew, floor crew, ushers and talent program. f. Confer American Farmer Degrees, Honorary American Farmer Degrees, and Distinguished Service Awards and other appropriate recognition. g. Recognize Sponsors to National FFA Foundation. h. Plan and operate an Agricultural Career Show of Agricultural Trade Association and Professional Societies. i. Operate a National FFA Center Exhibit. j. Conduct National Dairy Cattle, Dairy Products, Livestock, Meats, and Poultry Judging Contests. k. Conduct the National FFA Convention in cooperation with State associations, Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and others. |
| Budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare a budget. b. Expend funds as authorized. c. All expenses approved by National Advisor. |
| Finance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Receive National FFA dues from members. b. Collect royalties from FFA Supply Service. c. Collect royalties from companies that are authorized to sell official FFA items. d. Receive rents from the Future Farmer Supply Service and the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. |
| Publications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare and distribute Proceedings of National FFA Conventions. b. Revise, update, and provide through the Supply Service an information booklet on Vocational Agriculture and the FFA. c. Revise annually the Handbook for National FFA Officers. d. Revise annually the Official FFA Manual. e. Prepare and distribute a Handbook on Collegiate FFA Chapters. f. Prepare and distribute other materials as needed. |

FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION

| Area | Item | Goals | Ways and Means |
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| Cooperative Activities (Activities in which the FFA cooperates with other organizations, agencies or groups) | "Building American Communities" an FFA Community Development Program | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide the student with a comprehensive view of national problems as they pertain to the rural-urban relationship. 2. Assist the student to discover the relationship to his community and what it means to him and his family in the future. 3. Encourage students to become actively involved in constructive organized community development. 4. Develop student leadership abilities. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide 3,000 awards at the area level for all chapters entering. b. Recognize outstanding chapters on the State (1,500) and national (150) levels with appropriate plaques. c. Select and recognize the top chapter in each state and the top national chapter. d. Plan continuation of program in 1972. |
| National Farm Organizations | | Cooperate in appropriate activities with all national farm organizations. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have annual meetings of National FFA Officers with officials of American Institute of Cooperation, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Grange, American Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Farmers Educational & Cooperative Union, Farm institutes and others. b. Have an officer attend and take part in the program of national farm organizations when requested. |
| American Royal Livestock Show | | Participate in American Royal. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plan and coordinate National Livestock Judging Contests held at the American Royal. b. Provide National FFA Band and Chorus for American Royal Parade activities. c. Provide time in the national convention program for FFA representatives to participate in the American Royal FFA Day. d. Exhibit livestock at the American Royal by FFA members. e. Cooperate in selection of American Royal Queen. |
| Expositions or Fairs | | FFA to be represented at Regional and National Expositions. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Arrange for FFA National Officers to attend and participate upon request. b. Provide assistance with exhibits, expositions, pageants, and programs. c. Provide assistance to State associations on all programs and exhibits which stress the activities of the FFA when requested and when feasible. |

Report of the National FFA Treasurer

J. M. CAMPBELL

Mr. President and Members of the Future Farmers of America:

As National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, it is my privilege to report to you on the financial status of your organization.

We have distributed in the delegates' section, mimeographed material which you may review at your convenience. This material includes a statement of revenues and expenditures of the FFA for the fiscal year ended June 30, a report on the FFA Foundation for the period January 1 through September 30 of this year, and a summary of the financial status of the total organization.

Time does not permit my going into detail concerning the entire program. At this time, therefore, rather than reciting a lot of figures, I would like to explain briefly the financial set-up of your organization and summarize the financial status of the national organization with all of its divisions.

The total FFA program, as you are probably aware, is divided into four major areas of financial accounting, as follows:

- (a) The Future Farmers of America
- (b) The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
- (c) The Future Farmers Supply Service
- (d) The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine

The Future Farmers Supply Service and the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine are owned by the FFA organization and operate under the general direction of the FFA Board of Directors. However, accounts and records for these two operations are kept separate from the general FFA funds and their books are separately audited. The Future Farmers Supply Service and National FUTURE FARMER Magazine are housed in our FFA building at the National FFA Center near Mt. Vernon, which is close to Washington, D. C., where our National FFA office is now located.

Income of the Future Farmers of America is derived from dues of members, royalties on merchandise bearing the FFA emblem, rent on the FFA building from the Future Farmers Supply Service and National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, and interest earned on funds held in reserve. (The major portion of royalties received is paid by the Future Farmers Supply Service.) National FFA dues include the cost of subscription to the FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

Expenses consist primarily of travel of the national officers and Board of Directors, national office expense, cost of operating the national convention, maintenance of our FFA building, and also the

cost of your magazine subscription which is transferred to the FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

On page 4—statement of cash receipts and disbursements—we show a smaller number of separate investments. During the past year we have liquidated a number of the smaller investments as they reached maturity and re-invested in other types of savings, which yield a higher rate of interest.

The FFA Foundation receives its income from contributions of more than 450 sponsors, and interest on some reserve funds. It was suggested several years ago by some of our sponsors that we build up a reserve fund which would cover one year's operation, in the event of financial reverses. This we have attempted to do and this money has been invested to the very best advantage for the best rate of interest and safety of the funds.

During 1970 more than \$220,000.00 has been received in contributions from some 450 sponsors. About 76 of these are contributing for the first time this year. Since 1944, when the FFA Foundation was organized, more than \$4,373,000.00 has been contributed by business organizations and individuals. This manifestation of interest in your organization from year to year is something of which you can be very proud.

The greater part of the FFA Foundation budget is expended in connection with our incentive awards program, recognizing vocational agriculture student members of the FFA for outstanding achievement in agricultural and leadership activities. This incentive awards program is being expanded and up-dated from year to year.

The Future Farmers Supply Service receives its income from merchandise sold to FFA members, and its expenses consist of the cost of merchandise, operation of the Supply Service, and rent of the FFA Building.

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine's income is derived from advertising and subscriptions. Its expenses consist of editing, printing, mailing of the magazine, and rental of space in the FFA Building.

Separate and more complete reports of the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National FFA Magazine will be given later by officials of those organizations.

The total net worth of your organization, including the FFA, the FFA Foundation, the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, is well over \$2,000,000.00.

I am Supervisor of Agricultural Education with the Virginia State Board of Education, with an office in Richmond, Virginia. The FFA Treasurer's office is located in Woodstock, Virginia, where the books and records of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are kept by Mrs. Pauline Coiner.

A separate set of records and account books is kept for the FFA and the FFA Foundation. A large portion of our operating funds is maintained in separate accounts in the Shenandoah Valley National Bank in Winchester, Virginia. At present we have in this bank and other banks and savings associations, a total of \$146,415.40 of FFA funds, and \$446,079.57 of Foundation funds, earning interest.

Both Mrs. Coiner and I are bonded to assure protection of the funds in our care. A separate audit of each account is made annually by Certified Public Accountants—Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery. Copies of these audits are presented to the Boards of Student Officers, Directors and Trustees of the FFA and the FFA Foundation, for review in detail during Board meetings. The records are also reviewed by your FFA Auditing Committee, and are available for examination by any individual member.

A combined audit of all FFA funds is also made annually and submitted to Congress, as required by law. Every safeguard is exercised in handling the funds of your organization.

In closing this report I would like to say that the National FFA Finance Committee, consisting of members from the Board of Directors, is in the process of studying the financial structure of the three major divisions of your National FFA organization. It is anticipated that these studies will suggest ways to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our accounting system.

National FFA Foundation Awards and Contests

STAR FARMER OF AMERICA

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected from the American Farmer Candidates who receive the degree at the time of the National FFA Convention. A check for \$1,000.00 went to the Star Farmer of America. He was:

Merrill Kelsay, Whiteland, Indiana

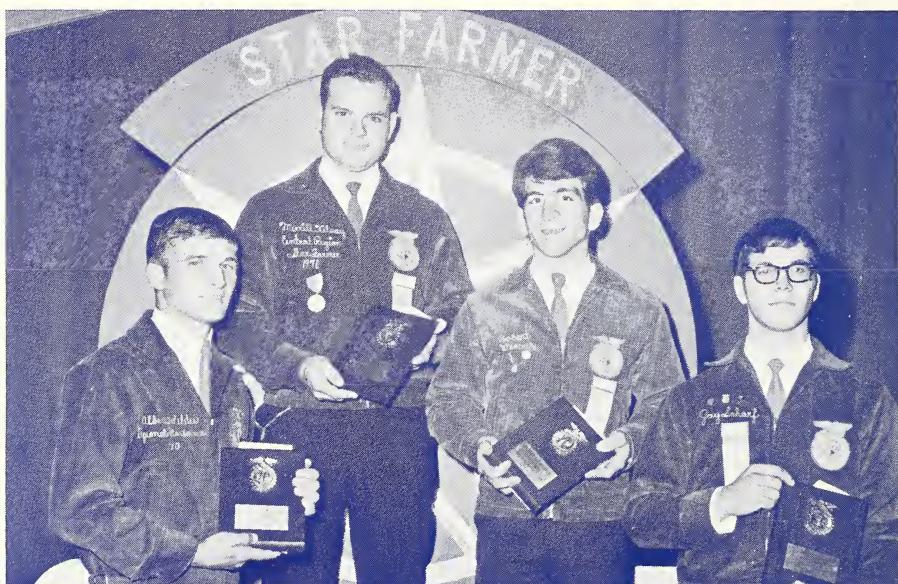
Checks for \$500.00 were given to each of the other Regional Star American Farmers. They were:

Albert C. Wildes, Hazelhurst, Georgia, Star Farmer, Southern Region

Jay Brian Scharf, Amity, Oregon, Star Farmer, Pacific Region

Robert Lee Weaver, Strasburg, Pennsylvania, Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region

Each of the four Regional "Stars" were appropriately recognized during the Thursday evening session by a colorful pageant.



STAR AMERICAN FARMERS—1970

(Left to right) Albert C. Wildes, Star Farmer, Southern Region; Merrill Kelsay, Star Farmer, Central Region and Star Farmer of America; Jay Brian Scharf, Star Farmer, Pacific Region; and Robert Lee Weaver, Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region.

STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN OF AMERICA

The first recognition of the Star Agribusinessman of America was made at the 1969 National Convention. The 1970 Star Agribusinessman, from this year's American Farmers, and recipient of \$1,000.00 was:

Earl M. Weaver, Middletown, Pennsylvania

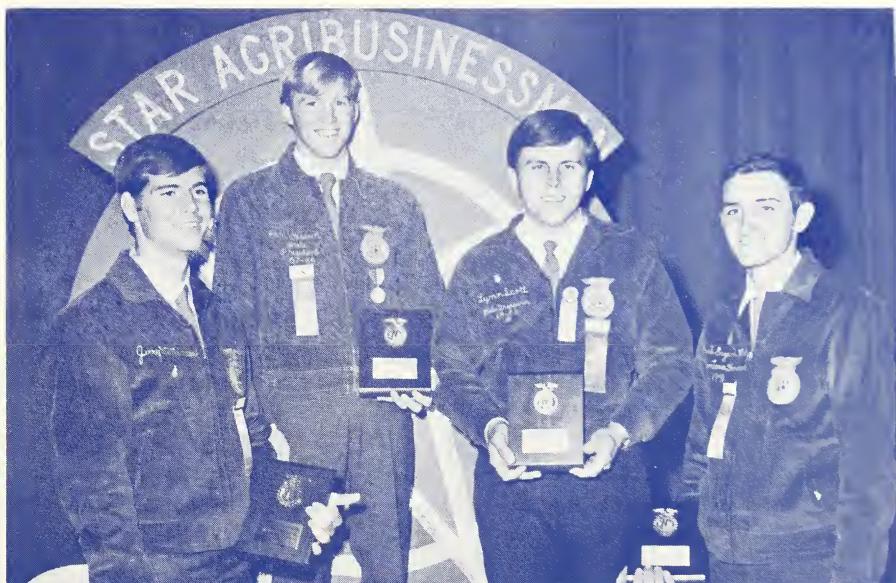
A check for \$500.00 was awarded to each of the three other Regional Star Agribusinessmen. They were:

Jerry L. Williamson, Jacksonville, Florida, Star Agribusinessman, Southern Region

Merle Eugene Klotz, Bowling Green, Ohio, Star Agribusinessman, Central Region

Lynn Allan Scott, Gaston, Oregon, Star Agribusinessman, Pacific Region

The presentation was made during a colorful pageant on Thursday afternoon.



STAR AGRIBUSINESSMEN OF AMERICA—1970

(Left to right) Jerry L. Williamson, Star Agribusinessman, Southern Region; Earl M. Weaver, Star Agribusinessman, North Atlantic Region and Star Agribusinessman of America; Lynn Allan Scott, Star Agribusinessman, Pacific Region; and Merle Eugene Klotz, Star Agribusinessman, Central Region.



FFA STAR FARMER OF AMERICA JUDGES—1970

Roderick Turnbull, Agricultural Editor, Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri; Millard Gundlach, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Montfort, Wisconsin; Honorable Ed Jones, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.; E. W. Ukkelberg, Senior Vice President, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois; Max M. Mills, Regional Director, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Kansas City, Missouri; C. Dana Bennett, Special Consultant, Foundation for American Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; W. F. McCurdy, President, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Chicago, Illinois; Curry W. Stoup, Agricultural Advisor, AVCO, Celina, Ohio.

James J. Johnston, Houston, Texas; Lynn Loosli, Ashton, Idaho; George L. Varnes, Group Vice President of Domestic Subsidiaries, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana; Charles B. Shuman, President, American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, Illinois; Wallace E. Wilson, Vice President, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; J. E. Streetman, Vice President, Wayne West Feed Division, Allied Mills, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN OF AMERICA JUDGES—1970

Donald Danforth, Jr., Executive Vice President, Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri; R. C. Leary, General Operations Manager, Ford Tractor Operations, Ford Motor Company, Birmingham, Michigan; John G. Plowden, Vice President, Geigy Agricultural Chemicals, Ardsley, New York; P. V. Miller, President, Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri; David C. Haney, Vice President, Farm Equipment Division, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois; John A. Morgan, Chairman of the Board, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri; V. H. Dolen, Vice President, American Oil Company, Kansas City, Missouri; Burton E. Beck, President, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana; J. C. Lyons, Manager, Market Development, Agrico Chemical Co., Memphis, Tennessee; Eugene V. Friedrich, Divisional Vice President, Gulf Oil Company—U. S., Chemicals Department—Agricultural Chemicals Division, Kansas City, Missouri; H. G. E. Fick, President and Chairman of the Board, Doane Agricultural Service, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; Vernon Schneider, President, American Institute of Cooperation, Washington, D. C.; Dale Ball, Director of Agriculture, State Department of Agriculture, Lansing, Michigan; L. W. Davis, Consultant, Allis-Chalmers, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

(Photo Not Available)

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

The National FFA Chapter Awards Program, conducted annually by the national organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and encourage improvement in local chapter programs of activities. The awards program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort, and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile activities.



National FFA Officers reviewing the National FFA Foundation Exhibit showing the many areas of awards and recognition available to FFA members. They are giving special attention to the national chapter awards plaques, and agreeing that every chapter should be a "Superior" chapter, with the attractive plaque placed on the classroom wall.

Chapters were grouped into Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem classifications, according to their record of accomplishments in supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, recreation and participation in State and National activities.

The top "Gold Emblem" rating was awarded to 60 local chapters. "Silver Emblem" ratings went to 63 chapters and "Bronze Emblem" ratings to 20 chapters.

Alabama.....Fairhope Chapter, Fairhope, gold emblem; Section Chapter, Section, gold emblem; Gurley Chapter, Gurley, silver emblem; Haleyville Chapter, Haleyville, silver emblem; Sparkman Chapter, Toney, silver emblem.

Arizona.....Coolidge Chapter, Coolidge, gold emblem; Willcox Chapter, Willcox, silver emblem.

Arkansas.....Leachville Chapter, Leachville, gold emblem; Mansfield Chapter, Mansfield, gold emblem; Conway Chapter, Conway, silver emblem; County Line Chapter, Ratcliff, silver emblem.

California.....Ceres Chapter, Ceres, gold emblem; Grace M. Davis Chapter, Modesto, silver emblem; Escalon Chapter, Escalon, silver emblem; Modesto Chapter, Modesto, silver emblem.

Colorado.....McClave Chapter, McClave, gold emblem; Platte Valley Chapter, Kersey, gold emblem.

Connecticut.....Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, gold emblem; Woodbury Chapter, Woodbury, bronze emblem.

Florida.....Santa Fe "Senior" Chapter, Alachua, gold emblem; South Sumter Chapter, Bushnell, gold emblem; Bartow Chapter, Bartow, silver emblem.

Georgia.....Early County Chapter, Blakely, gold emblem; Patterson Chapter, Patterson, gold emblem; Jackson County Chapter, Braselton, silver emblem; Moultrie Chapter, Moultrie, silver emblem; Perry Chapter, Perry, silver emblem.

Hawaii.....Kaneohe Chapter, Kaneohe, silver emblem; Kau Chapter, Kau, bronze emblem.

Idaho.....Fruitland Chapter, Fruitland, silver emblem; Payette Chapter, Payette, silver emblem.

Illinois.....Harvard Chapter, Harvard, gold emblem; Sycamore Chapter, Sycamore, gold emblem; Warren Chapter, Monmouth, gold emblem; Paxton Chapter, Paxton, silver emblem.

Indiana.....Brownstown Central Chapter, Brownstown, gold emblem; Clinton Central Chapter, Michigantown, gold emblem; Prairie Heights Chapter, LaGrange, silver emblem.

Iowa.....Audubon Chapter, Audubon, gold emblem; Buffalo Center Bison Chapter, Buffalo Center, silver emblem; Manchester Chapter, Manchester, silver emblem.

Kansas.....Concordia Chapter, Concordia, gold emblem; Arkansas City Chapter, Arkansas City, silver emblem.

Kentucky.....Boyle County Chapter, Danville, silver emblem; Metcalfe County Chapter, Edmonton, silver emblem; Shepherdsville Chapter, Shepherdsville, silver emblem; Montgomery County Chapter, Mt. Sterling, bronze emblem.

Louisiana.....Hessmer Chapter, Hessmer, gold emblem; Saline Chapter, Saline, gold emblem; Slidell Chapter, Slidell, gold emblem.

Maine.....Limestone Chapter, Limestone, gold emblem; Mars Hill Chapter, Mars Hill, silver emblem.

Maryland.....Gaithersburg Chapter, Gaithersburg, gold emblem; Walkersville Chapter, Walkersville, silver emblem.

Massachusetts.....Monument Mountain Chapter, Great Barrington, bronze emblem; Smith Chapter, Northampton, bronze emblem.

Michigan.....Cassopolis Chapter, Cassopolis, gold emblem; Corunna Chapter, Corunna, silver emblem; Ovid-Elsie Chapter, Elsie, bronze emblem.

Minnesota.....Faribault Chapter, Faribault, gold emblem; Stillwater Chapter, Stillwater, gold emblem; Jackson Chapter, Jackson, silver emblem; Ortonville Nature Builders Chapter, Ortonville, silver emblem.

Mississippi.....Morton Chapter, Morton, gold emblem; Stone Chapter, Wiggins, gold emblem; Caledonia Chapter, Caledonia, bronze emblem.

Missouri.....East Prairie Chapter, East Prairie, silver emblem; Francis Howell Chapter, St. Charles, silver emblem; West Plains Chapter, West Plains, bronze emblem.

Montana.....Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, gold emblem; Miles City Chapter, Miles City, bronze emblem.

Nebraska.....Ainsworth Chapter, Ainsworth, silver emblem; St. Edward Chapter, St. Edward, silver emblem.

Nevada.....Ruby Mountain Chapter, Elko, gold emblem; Churchill County Chapter, Fallon, bronze emblem.

New Jersey.....Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, silver emblem; North Hunterdon Regional Chapter, Annandale, silver emblem.

New Mexico.....Clovis Chapter, Clovis, gold emblem; Portales Chapter, Portales, silver emblem.

New York.....Barker Chapter, Barker, gold emblem; Walton Chapter, Walton, gold emblem.

North Carolina.....North Iredell Chapter, Olin, gold emblem; Southern Wayne Chapter, Dudley, gold emblem; Sun Valley Chapter, Monroe, silver emblem; Bartlett-Yancey Chapter, Yanceyville, bronze emblem; Midway Chapter, Dunn, bronze emblem; West Carteret Chapter, Newport, bronze emblem.

North Dakota.....A. S. Gibbens Chapter, Maddock, gold emblem; Williston Chapter, Williston, gold emblem.

Ohio.....Buckeye Valley Chapter, Delaware, gold emblem; Northwestern-Clark Chapter, Springfield, gold emblem; Mohawk Chapter, Sycamore, silver emblem; Talawanda Chapter, Oxford, silver emblem.

Oklahoma.....Alex Chapter, Alex, gold emblem; Clinton Chapter, Clinton, gold emblem; Collinsville Chapter, Collinsville, gold emblem; Guthrie Chapter, Guthrie, gold emblem.

Oregon.....Creswell Chapter, Creswell, silver emblem; Hillsboro Chapter, Hillsboro, silver emblem.

Pennsylvania.....Chestnut Ridge Chapter, Fishertown, gold emblem; Cloister Chapter, Ephrata, gold emblem; Northern Lebanon Chapter, Fredericksburg, gold emblem.

Rhode Island.....Situate Chapter, North Scituate, gold emblem; Chariho Chapter, Wood River Junction, silver emblem.

South Carolina.....Woodruff Chapter, Woodruff, silver emblem; James F. Byrnes Chapter, Duncan, bronze emblem; Conway Chapter, Conway, bronze emblem.

South Dakota.....Hoven Chapter, Hoven, bronze emblem; Wessington Springs Chapter, Wessington Springs, bronze emblem.

Tennessee.....Bradley Chapter, Cleveland, gold emblem; Dayton Chapter, Dayton, gold emblem; Dyersburg Chapter, Dyersburg, silver emblem; Meigs County Chapter, Decatur, silver emblem; Polk Chapter, Benton, silver emblem.

Texas.....Nacogdoches Chapter, Nacogdoches, gold emblem; Van Vleck Chapter, Van Vleck, gold emblem; Hamlin Chapter, Hamlin, silver emblem; Hearne Chapter, Hearne, silver emblem; Mauriceville Chapter, Mauriceville, silver emblem; Midway Chapter, Henrietta, silver emblem; New Braunfels Chapter, E. New Braunfels, silver emblem; Tatum Chapter, Tatum, silver emblem; Trent Chapter, Trent, silver emblem; Weimar Chapter, Weimar, silver emblem; Sherman Chapter, Sherman, bronze emblem.

Utah.....Bear River Chapter, Garland, gold emblem; Gunnison Valley Chapter, Gunnison, gold emblem.

Vermont.....Brattleboro Chapter, Brattleboro, bronze emblem; Middlebury Chapter, Middlebury, bronze emblem.

Virginia.....Robert E. Lee Chapter, Appomattox, gold emblem; Montevideo Chapter, Penn Laird, gold emblem; C. T. Smith Chapter, Ladysmith, gold emblem; Independence Chapter, Independence, silver emblem.

Washington.....Pomeroy Chapter, Pomeroy, silver emblem; Walla Walla Chapter, Walla Walla, silver emblem.

West Virginia.....Shady Spring Chapter, Shady Spring, silver emblem; Terra Alta Chapter, Terra Alta, silver emblem.

Wisconsin.....Monroe Chapter, Monroe, gold emblem; Bloomer Chapter, Bloomer, silver emblem; Granton Chapter, Granton, silver emblem; Westby Chapter, Westby, silver emblem.

Wyoming.....Buffalo Bill Chapter, Cody, gold emblem; Albin Chapter, Albin, silver emblem.

NATIONAL CHAPTER SAFETY AWARDS

The National Chapter Safety Awards Program is designed to stimulate activities by local chapters which will result in the more widespread use of safety rules, thus lessening the tremendous suffering and loss of life, time and property that is caused each year by preventable farm accidents and fires.

The best applications from each State on the basis of one chapter per 5,000 members or major fraction thereof, were sent to their various regional offices where a panel of experts ranked them in the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem awards.

There were 24 Gold Emblem Chapters, 26 Silver Emblem Chapters and 20 Bronze Emblem Chapters.

The winning chapters are as follows:

Alabama.....Haleyville Chapter, Haleyville, gold emblem; Gurley Chapter, Gurley, bronze emblem; Lawrence County Chapter, Moulton, Fla., bronze emblem; Sylvania Chapter, Sylvania, bronze emblem.

Arizona.....Amphitheater Chapter, Tucson, bronze emblem.

Arkansas.....Magnet Cove Chapter, Malvern, gold emblem; Mansfield Chapter, Mansfield, silver emblem.

California.....Ceres Chapter, Ceres, bronze emblem.

Colorado.....Eaton Chapter, Eaton, gold emblem.

Florida.....Santa Fe "Senior" Chapter, Alachua, gold emblem; South Sumter Chapter, Bushnell, gold emblem.

Georgia.....Calhoun Chapter, Edison, silver emblem.

Idaho.....Payette Chapter, Payette, silver emblem.

Illinois.....Warren Chapter, Monmouth, gold emblem; Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, silver emblem; Unity Chapter, Mendon, silver emblem.

Indiana.....Tri High Chapter, Straughn, gold emblem; Hagerstown Chapter, Hagerstown, silver emblem.

Iowa.....Audubon Chapter, Audubon, silver emblem; Belle Plaine Chapter, Belle Plaine, silver emblem.

Kansas.....Fort Scott Chapter, Fort Scott, gold emblem.

Kentucky.....Anderson County Chapter, Lawrenceburg, silver emblem; Temple Hill Chapter, Glasgow, bronze emblem.

Louisiana.....Saline Chapter, Saline, gold emblem; Oak Grove Chapter, Oak Grove, silver emblem.

Maine.....Limestone Chapter, Limestone, silver emblem.

Maryland.....Walkersville Chapter, Walkersville, bronze emblem.

Michigan.....Ovid-Elsie Chapter, Elsie, gold emblem; Montague Chapter, Montague, silver emblem.

Minnesota.....Faribault Chapter, Faribault, silver emblem; Ortonville Nature Builders Chapter, Ortonville, silver emblem; Stewartville Chapter, Stewartville, bronze emblem.

Mississippi.....Cumberland Chapter, Maben, silver emblem; Stone Chapter, Wiggins, silver emblem.

Missouri.....Bernie Chapter, Bernie, bronze emblem.

Montana.....Columbus Chapter, Columbus, bronze emblem.

Nebraska.....Ainsworth Chapter, Ainsworth, bronze emblem.

New Hampshire.....Colebrook Chapter, Colebrook, silver emblem.

New Jersey.....North Hunterdon Regional Chapter, Annandale, gold emblem.

New Mexico.....Hagerman Chapter, Hagerman, bronze emblem.

New York.....Salem Chapter, Salem, gold emblem.

North Carolina.....Bartlett-Yancey Chapter, Yanceyville, bronze emblem; Midway Chapter, Dunn, bronze emblem; North Iredell Chapter, Olin, bronze emblem; Southern Wayne Chapter, Dudley, bronze emblem; Sun Valley Chapter, Monroe, bronze emblem.

North Dakota.....Williston Chapter, Williston, gold emblem.

Ohio.....Buckeye Valley Chapter, Delaware, gold emblem; Northwestern-Clark Chapter, Springfield, gold emblem; Talawanda Chapter, Oxford, gold emblem.

Oklahoma.....Guthrie Chapter, Guthrie, silver emblem.

Oregon.....Umapine Chapter, Milton-Freewater, silver emblem.

Pennsylvania.....Cloister Chapter, Ephrata, gold emblem; Chestnut Ridge Chapter, Fishertown, bronze emblem.

South Carolina.....Bowman Chapter, Bowman, gold emblem.

South Dakota.....Hoven Chapter, Hoven, silver emblem.

Tennessee.....Greenback Chapter, Greenback, gold emblem.

Texas.....Mauriceville Chapter, Mauriceville, silver emblem; Trent Chapter, Trent, silver emblem.

Utah.....Gunnison Valley Chapter, Gunnison, gold emblem.

Vermont.....Vergennes Chapter, Vergennes, gold emblem.

Virginia.....C. T. Smith Chapter, Ladysmith, gold emblem; Shorthorn Chapter, Saltville, silver emblem; Tunstall Chapter, Dry Fork, bronze emblem.

Washington.....Deer Park Chapter, Deer Park, gold emblem.

West Virginia.....Shady Spring Chapter, Shady Spring, silver emblem.

Wisconsin.....Beaver Dam Chapter, Beaver Dam, silver emblem; Green Bay East Chapter, Green Bay, silver emblem; Wisconsin Dells Chapter, Wisconsin Dells, bronze emblem.

Wyoming.....Buffalo Bill Chapter, Cody, gold emblem.



NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

An important part of each National FFA Convention is the National FFA Judging Contests. All five National Contests—Livestock, Meats, Poultry, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products—are conducted in Kansas City. The winning teams and the high scoring individuals receive special trophies. The contests and the national winners are listed below:

LIVESTOCK JUDGING—47 State Teams Participated

First Place—OKLAHOMA. The team was composed of Steve Griffin, Ken Starks and Allen Hybsha, and coached by Bob Roberson, vocational agriculture instructor, Stillwater High School, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Neil Hernan, St. Ansgar, Iowa
2. Curt Schaub, St. Ansgar, Iowa
3. Ralph Puzey, Sidell, Illinois
4. Steve Fraze, Dora, New Mexico
5. Allen Hybsha, Stillwater, Oklahoma

MEATS JUDGING—36 State Teams Participated

First Place—IDAHO. The team was composed of Rodney Breshears, Ron Abbott and Tom Sells, and coached by Fred Faulks, vocational agriculture instructor, Parma High School, Parma, Idaho.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Ben Kinduff, Stillwater, Oklahoma
2. Danny Toebben, Warrenton, Missouri
3. Tom Sells, Parma, Idaho
4. Rodney Breshears, Parma, Idaho
5. Lyle Flesner, Shelbyville, Illinois

POULTRY JUDGING—33 State Teams Participated

First Place—KANSAS. The team was composed of Craig Good, Dave Nelson, Carl Griffee, and coached by Stan Claasen, vocational agriculture instructor, Manhattan High School, Manhattan, Kansas.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Leroy Albright, Herrick, Illinois
2. Craig Good, Manhattan, Kansas
3. Dean Anderson, Albin, Wyoming
4. Dan Kirkbride, Albin, Wyoming
5. Mike Skirvin, Alachua, Florida

DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING—44 State Teams Participated

First Place—MINNESOTA. The team was composed of Tim Martens, Randy Luthens and Irvin Duesterhoeft, and coached by R. W. Eberhart, vocational agriculture instructor, Hutchinson High School, Hutchinson, Minnesota.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Gary Nunnally, Causey, New Mexico
2. Frank Hancock, Lander, Wyoming
3. Dennis Bechtel, Fredericktown, Ohio
4. Ken Moser, Viroqua, Wisconsin
5. Dennis Gehring, Moundridge, Kansas

DAIRY PRODUCTS JUDGING—34 State Teams Participated

First Place—MISSOURI. The team was composed of Ramon Clayton, Mike Martin and Robert Cardwell, and coached by Melvin E. Barnes, vocational agriculture instructor, Licking High School, Licking, Missouri.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Ramon Clayton, Licking, Missouri
2. Mike Martin, Licking, Missouri
3. Lyle Godfrey, Garland, Utah
4. Robert Cardwell, Licking, Missouri
5. Roger Gomes, Hanford, California



NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The National FFA Public Speaking Contest is held in Kansas City. It is the final elimination of a nationwide contest that started in local chapters with winners progressing through area or federation competition, then State contests, and four Regional contests.

Each of the four boys who participated in the national contest already had won a medal at the local chapter level and a \$100 prize at the State level. The winner of the national contest received \$300. Other awards are \$275 for second, \$250 for third, and \$225 for fourth. All awards and travel funds are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation. The FFA Foundation provided \$4,000.00 to help pay the travel expenses of State winners to regional contests.

Each contestant spoke from 6 to 8 minutes on an agricultural subject of his own choosing, then was subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges. Scoring was done on the basis of speech delivery, manuscript, and answers to questions.

JUDGES:

Frank Carlson, Concordia, Kansas (Former U. S. Senator from Kansas)
Merril T. Cartwright, Director, Prentiss County Vocational Technical School, Booneville, Mississippi (National FFA Vice President, 1949-50)
G. A. Christians, Vice President, Merchandising, Massey-Ferguson Inc., Des Moines, Iowa

TIMEKEEPERS:

John J. Dierbeck, Public Relations Manager, Farm and Industrial Equipment, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois
Edward J. Sawtell, Assistant Manager, Public Relations Department, Ford Motor Company, Tractor and Implement Operations, North America, Birmingham, Michigan

SPEAKERS:

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| First Place—Kevin Hall, Gaithersburg, Maryland, Chapter— | |
| A THING CALLED LEADERSHIP..... | \$300.00 |
| Second Place—Dennis M. Dammen, Osage, Iowa, Chapter— | |
| FOOD FOR TOMORROW'S SECURITY..... | 275.00 |
| Third Place—Paul Tew, Firth, Idaho, Chapter— | |
| AGRICULTURE . . . SECOND TO NONE..... | 250.00 |
| Fourth Place—Jerry Dean Goolsby, Guthrie, Oklahoma, Chapter— | |
| THE ROLE FOR TOMORROW: FFA AND YOU..... | 225.00 |

A THING CALLED LEADERSHIP

KEVIN HALL

I'd like to relate to you a story of a young boy, who, when entering high school, had a burning desire to participate in school athletics. He was not the same as you and me, however, for an early childhood accident left him without the use of his arms. They hung limp at his side, permanently crippled. He couldn't play baseball, football, or basketball. Wrestling and soccer were not for him. But there was one sport he could participate in—track.

In his sophomore, junior and senior years he practiced hard after school with the track squad, but he never ran in a race. He wasn't good enough! Finally, at the last meet of the year, one of his teammates took ill suddenly, and was unable to run. The boy of our story went to the coach and asked to be allowed to run in his teammate's place. Rather than lose the race by default, the coach granted permission, and as the runners took their positions in the blocks, a strange hush fell over the crowd. The gun went off, and as the runners shot up out of the blocks and down the track, our boy was last. He was last going around the first turn, and last going down the far side with his arms dangling pitifully at his sides while the other sprinters constantly enlarged the lead. As this boy started around the last turn he lost his balance, tripped and fell. He got up without the use of his arms and again started to run. As he approached the finish line the audience stood and cheered, many with tears in their eyes.

As he crossed the finish line, not only his teammates, but also his competitors greeted him and hoisted him upon their shoulders and paid tribute to him. This boy had drive, he had ambition, he had courage, he had a goal. And it is these same four qualities that are characteristic of a successful FFA member and of a leader.

But what is this thing called leadership? Leadership has almost as many definitions as there are people in the world. As defined by **Webster's New World Dictionary**, leadership is "the ability to lead." As outlined in the inspirational book **Forward FFA**, leadership in an indi-

vidual is that combination of qualities and attributes that radiates confidence, inspires others, and causes others to follow him.

Some people accept the philosophy that leaders are born, not made. Others believe that leaders are made, not born. I believe that no man is born a leader, but that every man is born with the potential of leadership. Not every man is capable of becoming an outstanding leader, but every man has a degree of leadership ability that should be developed and put to work.

Picture, if you would, a set of concentric circles. In the center of these circles we place a dot. The dot represents individuals, and the circles represent the degree or actual limits of leadership ability.

Those with lesser ability lie within the first circle, those with more ability come within the second circle, and so on. It's our responsibility to push toward our potential, to reach for our ultimate capability—this should be our goal.

We may never reach the outer circle—few, if any, will. But it is there for us to strive toward each day, week, month, year and for our lifetime. Our world, our environment and its problems are changing constantly and so will our potential.

Some worthy advice to young leaders and FFA members who are striving for this lifetime goal can be found in the words of Calvin Coolidge, who said:

"Nothing can take the place of persistence,
Talent will not, nothing is more common
than unsuccessful men with talent,
Education will not, the world is full
of educated derelicts,
Genius will not, unrewarded genius
is almost a proverb.
Persistence and perseverance alone are omnipotent.
The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will
solve the problems of the human race."

W. H. Danforth, a great leader, wrote in his book **I Dare You**, "I dare you to be yourself, I dare you to do your best, I dare you to do better tomorrow than you have done today."

Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders—and today's FFA members are not only going to replace those down on the farm and in other agricultural positions, but many are destined to be leaders as well. At the rate our world is changing and with the growing complexity of our problems, tomorrow's leaders will have to be more efficient, better educated and better citizens. They will have to be more knowledgeable about our environment, more aware of our country's problems, more concerned with the world, but most of all, tomorrow's leaders will have to be squares! Squares, you ask? Because you connote square to be a degrading term or insult. But doesn't it all depend on your definition

of the word square? Back in Mark Twain's day, square was one of the finest words in the English language. You gave a man a square deal if you were honest. You gave him a square meal if he was hungry. You stood foursquare for your rights, and square against all unjust oppression. And if you were out of debt you were square with the world, and then you could look your fellowman square in the eye. But this word square has been badly bent and mis-shapen, and today everyone knows what a square is:

A square is someone who volunteers when he doesn't have to, someone who starts a job, and completes it, to the best of his ability. Someone who has the courage to step out and take command, someone who helps his neighbor and cooperates with his fellow man. A square not only preaches the Golden Rule but practices it. This is the kind of person I picture as a leader.

So the next time someone calls you square for going to church on Sunday, for saluting your Flag, for helping your neighbor, for having the drive, the ambition, the courage to overcome any obstacles on the way to your goal, be proud you are given that distinction, for tomorrow, the world will call upon the squares to solve the problems and assume the positions of leadership!

AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

This year, FFA members received more than \$230,000 in awards that were provided by the National Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Approximately 90,000 members received medals. These



Regional Agricultural Proficiency finalists and judges.

awards are given to encourage FFA members toward the goals of Establishment in Agricultural Occupations, Development of Leadership and the Practice of Good Citizenship. Each National winner received a check in the amount of \$250.00 from the National FFA Foundation, Inc., and Regional winners a check for \$200.00. Following are National Proficiency Award Winners who were recognized at the 1970 National FFA Convention:

AGRIBUSINESS

| Name | Chapter | State and Region |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| WAYNE R. MORRIS | Fullerton | California, National Winner |
| DAN MARTIN | Santa Fe Senior | Florida, Southern Region |
| JERRY PETTIT | Marshall | Michigan, Central Region |
| STEVEN A. GLABACH | Brattleboro | Vermont, North Atlantic Region |

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

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|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| SHELDON HULS | Talawanda | Ohio, National Winner |
| ELTON ROMINE | Rogersville | Alabama, Southern Region |
| JAMES H. WOOD | Housatonic Valley | Connecticut, North Atlantic Region |
| STEVEN ROBERT DeFORD | Liberty | Washington, Pacific Region |

CROP FARMING

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| JACKIE IRVIN | Coal Creek Central | Indiana, National Winner |
| REX COLE | Altus | Oklahoma, Southern Region |
| LARRY MULLER | Perrydale | Oregon, Pacific Region |
| BRUCE E. TEETS | Aurora | West Virginia, North Atlantic Region |

DAIRY FARMING

| | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| RICHARD PETREA | Salem | Illinois, National Winner |
| TED GRAFF | Delta | Colorado, Pacific Region |
| DAVID GALLEY | Walton | New York, North Atlantic Region |
| JOHN L. DeBUSK, JR. | Shorthorn (Rich Valley) | Virginia, Southern Region |

| FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Name | Chapter | State and Region |
| CHARLES C. HOLZ | East Greene | Iowa, National Winner |
| ROYCE R. JONES | Section | Alabama, Southern Region |
| TIMOTHY WILLIAM BEALL | Damascus | Maryland, North Atlantic Region |
| JIM SUSTACHA | Ruby Mountain (Elko) | Nevada, Pacific Region |
| FORESTRY | | |
| DAVID LYNN THURESON | Eatonville | Washington, National Winner |
| IRA HARTWICK | Bloomfield | Iowa, Central Region |
| KEVIN ERNEST HALL | Gaithersburg | Maryland, North Atlantic Region |
| ROY WAYNE MILLS | Southern Wayne | North Carolina, Southern Region |
| HOME IMPROVEMENT | | |
| GARY DEPPERMAN | Washington | Missouri, National Winner |
| PAUL C. DUREPO | Limestone | Maine, North Atlantic Region |
| LELAND KENDELL COLES | Freedom | Oklahoma, Southern Region |
| STEVE CHARLES ZUECH | Weber | Utah, Pacific Region |
| LIVESTOCK FARMING | | |
| GERALD SALTER | Evergreen | Alabama, National Winner |
| RONALD ROTH | Clay Center | Kansas, Central Region |
| RUSSELL NEALE, JR. | Walton | New York, North Atlantic Region |
| A. MICHAEL SACHS | Eastmont | Washington, Pacific Region |
| NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT | | |
| JEFF MCKENZIE | Section | Alabama, National Winner |
| SKIPPER ADAMS | Douglas | Arizona, Pacific Region |
| RAOUL C. LUFBERY | Lyman Hall | Connecticut, North Atlantic Region |
| WAYNE ENGER | St. James | Minnesota, Central Region |
| ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE | | |
| TED G. KORNDER | Belle Plaine | Minnesota, National Winner |
| MIKE MITCHELL | Gardendale | Alabama, Southern Region |
| CATHERINE MACALLISTER | Northern Burlington | New Jersey, North Atlantic Region |
| PAUL KNOPP | Canby | Oregon, Pacific Region |
| PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION | | |
| JERRY W. BRADLEY | Ceres | California, National Winner |
| JIMMY BRANNON | Hartford | Alabama, Southern Region |
| REX WARNER | Greenville | Ohio, Central Region |
| JAMES R. FRIEND | Terra Alta | West Virginia, North Atlantic Region |
| POULTRY FARMING | | |
| STEVE K. ADAMS | Crossville | Alabama, National Winner |
| DENNIS C. SARGENT | Bradford | Ohio, Central Region |
| DANIEL HOMMEL | West Snyder | Pennsylvania, North Atlantic Region |
| CARL BLACKHAM | North Sanpete | Utah, Pacific Region |
| SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT | | |
| RON ANDERSON | Pleasant Grove | Utah, National Winner |
| JOHN R. RUSSIN | Housatonic Valley | Connecticut, North Atlantic Region |
| ROBERT D. STRONG, JR. | South Sumpter | Florida, Southern Region |
| MICHAEL HOWARD SHIVE | Metcalfe County | Kentucky, Central Region |

The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds—achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so—for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. (Revised at the 38th Convention.)

The FFA Motto . . .

**Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve**